

## Important Updates for Fall 2022

### 1. Demonstrating proof of COVID-19 vaccination or proof of weekly COVID-19 testing is no longer required.

On July 12, 2022, Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker rescinded Section 4 of Executive Order 2021-22, which required employees and students in higher education settings to present proof of COVID-19 vaccination or weekly proof of COVID-19 testing. As a result of this action, **USF no longer requires employees/students to submit proof of COVID-19 vaccination or weekly proof of COVID-19 testing.** Also, as a result of this action, **on-campus COVID-19 testing services offered through Summit Medical are longer available.** USF thanks Summit Medical for its partnership for the duration of the Executive Order.

### 2. USF's quarantine and isolation practices are now aligned with the CDC's updated quarantine and isolation recommendations.

In March 2022, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) modified its **quarantine and isolation guidelines.** USF opted to continue adhering to its own quarantine and isolation guidelines out of an abundance of caution as more and more campus community members opted to get vaccinated for COVID-19.

With the recent changes to the Governor's Executive Order and with the increase in our COVID-19 vaccinated on-campus population, the USF Crisis Management Team has elected to use this transition period to also update the University's COVID-19 quarantine and isolation practices to closely align with the practices recommended by the CDC. For specifics on these updated practices, please refer to the "Updated COVID-19 Protocols" portion of this document or visit the "COVID-19 Protocols" tab on the **Saints United website.**

## Updated COVID-19 Protocols for Fall 2022

Students and employees who come to campus for classes, work, or activities should note the following updated COVID-19 protocols. Note that these protocols follow current CDC **quarantine and isolation guidelines.**

### If you were exposed to COVID-19, you are required to:

#### Students

- Contact the USF Wellness Center at 815-740-3399.

#### Employees

- Contact both the USF Office of Human Resources at **hr@stfrancis.edu** and your supervisor.

### If you exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 or if you test positive for COVID-19, you are required to:

#### Students

- Isolate yourself from others.
- Contact your healthcare provider, then contact the USF Wellness Center at 815-740-3399.
- If you test positive, complete the **Campus Leave Form** (available on the **Saints United website**).
- If living on campus, contact USF Housing at 815-740 4293 for additional isolation steps.

#### Employees

- Isolate yourself from others.
- Contact both the USF Office of Human Resources at **hr@stfrancis.edu** and your supervisor.

## Returning to Campus Following COVID-19 Exposure or a Confirmed Case

**Students and employees who were exposed to or who have recovered from a confirmed case of COVID-19, will be required to test negative for COVID-19** (from either a home/rapid test or lab test) **before returning to campus. Students will be required to report their negative test result to the USF Wellness Center. Employees will be required to report their negative test result to the Office of Human Resources** (visual/physical proof of these tests will not be collected by USF).

We are confident that affected individuals will reflect the Franciscan value of INTEGRITY by adhering to all steps of the quarantine and isolation process as instructed by the USF Wellness Center/Office of Human Resources.

# Fall 2022 COVID-19 Guidance (continued)

## Maintaining a Healthy Campus

Aligned with the Franciscan value of RESPECT, the campus community will continue to rely on each other to responsibly maintain a safe and healthy campus as Saints United. Practices that support this include:

- **Self-Screening & Self-Reporting (required)** - All campus community members should be mindful of and take responsible action when exposed to COVID-19 or when experiencing symptoms of COVID-19. Please refer to the "Updated COVID-19 Protocols" portion of this document or visit the "COVID-19 Protocols" tab on the **Saints United website**. Please also note that touchless temperature scanners are in place near main entrances of campus facilities for use by anyone on campus.
- **Hand Hygiene (required)** - Regularly washing your hands, especially after touching high-contact surfaces, will help to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- **Face Coverings** - The wearing of face coverings on campus is recommended whenever indoors or whenever appropriate physical distancing cannot be maintained.
- **Physical Distancing** - Please be aware of and attentive to the needs of everyone around you by practicing appropriate physical distancing while indoors.

## Vaccinations

USF strongly recommends (but does not mandate) full vaccinations for members of the campus community. This practice is in line with how the University handles other vaccinations. Please visit the **Saints United website** and click on the "Vaccination Information" link to find local vaccination opportunities.

## Testing

Because students and employees are no longer required to provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination/testing (due to the change in the Governor's Executive Order), on-campus COVID-19 testing services are no longer available. For help locating a testing location, please visit the **Saints United website** and click on the "COVID-19 Testing" tab.

## Shuttle Bus Service

Shuttle bus services between all three Joliet campuses will run regularly and at full capacity. The wearing of face coverings is recommended, but not currently required, on USF shuttles.

## Residence Halls

Residence halls are adhering to the CDC guidelines. Direct specific questions to Cedricka Carver, Director of Residence Education & Student Life, at **ccarver@stfrancis.edu**.

## Academic Courses

Instructors of in-person courses will set and manage their own respective learning environment. This can include, but is not limited to, requiring students wear a face covering while attending class. In-person course instructors will communicate details directly to students.

## Healthy Dining

Quest Food Service is committed to providing fresh, wholesome, scratch made foods on campus with complete cleanliness and sanitation practices to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Students and employees eating in USF dining areas should be mindful of appropriate physical distancing practices.

## International Students

The **USF International Programs Office** will communicate directly with international students regarding specific COVID-19 practices or requirements. International students with specific questions should contact Allison Heard, Director of Institutional Diversity and Title IX Coordinator, at 815-740-5025 or **aheard@stfrancis.edu**.

## Questions

USF's COVID-19 protocols and campus updates are available on the **Saints United website**. Students with specific questions should contact Mollie Rockafellow, Dean of Student Life, at **mrockafellow@stfrancis.edu**, and employees should contact Dave DiLorenzo, Director of Community & Employee Relations, at **ddilorenzo@stfrancis.edu**.

## Ongoing COVID-19 Response at USF

Please note that USF's guidance for face coverings and other practices may be modified based on CDC, IDPH, WCHD, or other applicable mandates. Stricter restrictions and guidelines may also be implemented due to increases in COVID-19 metrics or per the recommendation of the CDC, IDPH, WCHD and will be communicated accordingly through the USF email system and **Saints United website**.