

COVID-19 Student Guidelines Jan 2022

For current HSE information see <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/covid19/>

NOTE:

- The College remains committed to a 'Safe Return to Study' and looks to all staff and students to exercise personal responsibility, to keep themselves and others safe.
- The College will keep to its scheduled 'one day online', per cohort, and face-to-face classes as scheduled for this academic year.

Managing COVID

Students:-

- Are expected to attend **all classes as scheduled** both online and face-to face.
Attendance will be monitored.
- Are expected to sign- in, for face-to-face sessions.
- Are expected to follow **all hygiene and safety guidelines as posted on campus.**

Please:-

- **Wear a mask** for your own safety and the safety of others.
- Use the hand sanitisers provided.
- Use the sanitizing materials provided to wipe down your tables and materials.
- Abide by numbers allowed in communal spaces; toilets, library etc.
- Remove all of your belongings at the end of the day.
- Do not congregate at lunch/break times.

Classrooms: -

- Co2 monitors have been installed in the classrooms.
- Windows will be opened in the morning and will remain open as needed (number of windows open is dependent on number of students in any group).
- Short breaks will be facilitated by lecturers to allow students to step outside as needed (dependent on number of students in any group and Co2 monitor readings).
- Students are expected to keep all of their belongings contained in their own space and to take away everything at the end of the day. Items left will be disposed of.
- See classroom hygiene above.

See below for guidelines if:-

- **You are absent for non-COVID reasons**
- **You are a Close Contact***
- **You have COVID-like Symptoms***
- **You have COVID***

IN ALL CASES PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR PD.

NON COVID RELATED ABCENCES.
<p>If you are absent for personal reasons or health reasons that are NOT COVID related, please contact your PD who will advise according to the College's normal QA, policy and procedures.</p>
COVID CLOSE CONTACT
<p>If you are notified as a Close Contact and are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccinated and Boosted OR • Vaccinated and have had COVID in past 3 months and are • Symptom Free <p>Please follow HSE guidelines summarized below and available here https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/covid19/contact-tracing/</p> <p>Testing: You need to do 3 antigen tests over 7 days. Do the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • first test as soon as you can get an antigen test • second test 3 days after your first test • third test on the 7th day Watch a video on how to do an antigen test <p>Wear a PPF2 mask in communal spaces FOR 10 DAYS from the day of suspected contact</p> <p style="text-align: center;">YOU MAY STILL COME TO CLASS AS LONG AS YOU REMAIN SYMPTOM FREE AND HAVE NEGATIVE ANTIGEN TESTS</p>
<p>If you are notified as a Close Contact WHILE IN THE COLLEGE AND ARE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccinated and Boosted OR • Vaccinated and have had COVID in past 3 months and are • Symptom Free <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go to COVID Officer (see blackboard) • Show notification • Take an antigen test (PROVIDED BY COVID OFICER) <p>Negative antigen: You may stay. Follow testing procedure as above.</p> <p>Positive antigen: Go home and follow HSE guidelines re isolating . CONTACT YOUR PD</p>
<p>If you are notified as a Close Contact WHILE IN THE COLLEGE AND ARE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unvaccinated • Have not yet received a booster <p>please go home and</p> <p>Follow HSE guidelines re isolating https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/covid19/ according to your vaccination status. You may pick up an antigen kit from the COVID Officer.</p>
SYMPTOMS THAT MAY BE COVID
<p>Even if Vaccinated, Boosted, have had COVID or are Unvaccinated, if</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • you have symptoms of COVID-19 • get a positive antigen test, even if you have mild symptoms or no symptoms • are waiting for a PCR test appointment or results of a PCR following a positive antigen test, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You should start to self-isolate as soon as you get symptoms of COVID-19 or get a positive antigen test result. • How long you need to self-isolate depends on your vaccination status and the results of your test. https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/covid19/ <p style="text-align: center;">YOU MAY NOT COME IN TO CLASS. CONTACT YOUR PD</p>
COVID
<p>Even if Vaccinated, Boosted and/or have had COVID , you can still contract the virus. If you have a positive PCR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isolate and Follow HSE Guidelines available https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/covid19/ • CONTACT YOUR PD