

John Carroll University

Student COVID-19 Response Policy and Procedures

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It is the responsibility of John Carroll University (JCU) faculty, staff and students to notify and immediately report to either their supervisor and/or Student Health Center in the event that they have been on campus in the last 2 days and have tested positive for, have symptoms of, or are diagnosed by a health care provider with COVID-19.

I. THE PURPOSES OF THIS POLICY ARE:

1. Safeguard the health and welfare of students, faculty and staff
2. Manage the operations of JCU in an effective and efficient manner
3. Inform and advise the JCU community as needed based on the risk to the community
4. Establish operating procedures appropriate to all constituents of JCU

II. OBJECTIVES:

The objectives of the COVID-19 Policy are to:

1. Define the disease
2. Identify reporting requirements
3. Identify health care and testing responses and recommendations for students exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19
4. Identify individuals and groups with responsibilities should a COVID-19 outbreak occur
5. Provide information about methods of self-protection for members of the campus community

III. POLICY AND PROCEDURES:

A. Procedures for Students who have a known exposure to COVID-19 virus.

1. If a student is exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 and has no symptoms, the student should contact the Student Health Center. They should get tested on Day 5 from last exposure, unless they become symptomatic (then follow the procedure for symptomatic students). Symptoms include fever, chills, cough, runny/stuffy nose, sore throat, muscle/body/headaches, fatigue, nausea/vomiting/diarrhea, and loss of taste/smell. On Day 5, testing (antigen) can take place at the Student Health Center, any off campus testing facility or a home test with results being sent to the Student Health Center. Prior to testing, the student should wear their medical grade mask when not alone and follow the JCU COVID-19 campus policy.

- a. If during the first 5 days, the student becomes symptomatic with COVID-19 like symptoms (fever, chills, cough, runny/stuffy nose, sore throat, muscle/body/headaches, fatigue, nausea/vomiting/diarrhea, and loss of taste/smell), the student should self isolate and call the Student Health Center. The student should get tested either at the Student Health Center, any off campus testing facility, or home test with the results being sent to the Student Health Center.

- b. If on Day 5 the **student's antigen test is negative**: They may stop wearing a mask and continue to follow John Carroll University's existing COVID-19 protocols.
- c. If on Day 5 the **student's antigen test is positive** the student should self-isolate and call the Student Health Center. The student will follow the procedure for when a student tests positive for COVID-19.

B. Procedure for a Residential Student who tests positive for COVID-19.

1. If a residential student tests positive for COVID-19 by the Student Health Center staff, or other medical agency/physician or a home test, with results being sent to the Student Health Center, the student should self isolate and call the health center.
2. The student may go home to isolate, or isolate in their residence hall room for 5 full days.
3. Day 1 is the first 24 hours from the start of symptoms or a positive COVID-19 test. Symptoms include fever, chills, cough, runny/stuffy nose, sore throat, muscle/body/headaches, fatigue, nausea/vomiting/diarrhea, and loss of taste/smell.
4. The student is required to wear a medical grade mask when around others.
5. The student may go to the dining hall for a takeout meal and use communal restrooms, wearing a medical grade mask.
6. On Day 6, the student may return to class if they have had no fever for 24 hours (that is one full day of no fever without using fever-reducing medication) and symptoms are improving. The student must continue to wear a medical grade mask for the next 5 full days.

C. Procedures for Treating Students with COVID-19 Who Reside Off-campus

1. If an off campus/commuter student tests positive for COVID-19 by the Student Health Center staff, or other medical agency/physician or a home test, the student will notify the Student Health Center and isolate off campus for 5 full days.
2. Day 1 is the first 24 hours from the start of symptoms or a positive COVID-19 test. Symptoms include fever, chills, cough, runny/stuffy nose, sore throat, muscle/body/headaches, fatigue, nausea/vomiting/diarrhea, and loss of taste/smell.
3. The student should wear a medical grade mask when around others.
4. On Day 6, the student may return to campus if they have had no fever for 24 hours (that is one full day of no fever without using fever-reducing medication) and symptoms are improving. The student must continue to wear a medical grade mask for the next 5 full days.

D. If there is an on-campus outbreak in a residence hall, the Director of the Student Health Center will notify the COVID-19 Task Force to determine next steps.

V. DEFINITIONS:

The following definitions pertain to this policy:

1. Communicable disease - COVID-19 is caused by a virus called Coronavirus. Coronaviruses are a common cause of the common cold. COVID-19 is a novel (newly discovered virus). COVID-19 is mostly spread through person-to-person close contact (within about 6 feet). Small droplets from coughing and sneezing can enter the mouth and lungs of those nearby.
2. Communicable Period – The communicable period is that period of time or times during which the infectious agent may be transferred directly or indirectly from an infected person to another person. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) believes at this time that symptoms of COVID-19 may appear in as few as 2 days or as long as 14 days after exposure. Typical COVID-19 symptoms include: 1) fever, cough, or shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, congestion, or new loss of taste or smell.

VI. RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. It is the responsibility of all affected students to report a positive test for COVID-19 or a COVID-19 diagnosis from a health care provider to the Student Health Center Director.
2. It is the responsibility of certified and licensed public health officials (CCBH), external to the university, to provide a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis to the appropriate JCU office when a JCU student is known to have a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19. It is the responsibility of the Student Health Center to report a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis to the appropriate public health agencies in accordance with the State of Ohio health laws.
3. The responsibility for coordination of the implementation of the COVID-19 policy shall be shared among the following groups and all groups should work in concert with each other: Student Health Center, Dean of Students Office, Risk Management and Regulatory Affairs, Human Resources, Residence Life, Housekeeping, JCUPD, Strategic Communications, Facilities, and Department of Athletics and Athletic Training.
4. When deemed appropriate by the Provost in conjunction with General Counsel, it is the responsibility of Strategic Communications to publicly announce that an outbreak of a communicable disease has been confirmed, and to state the related facts that serve to inform and protect the university community.
5. The CCBH notifies 911 dispatch centers of who has diagnosed/tested positive for COVID-19 in their respective jurisdictions, so first responders will be aware. The JCUPD policy and practice is to notify Heights Hillcrest Dispatch of this, as well as anyone who they call about having COVID-19 symptoms. Also, to avoid exposure for JCU EMS, the JCUPD practice will be to call UHFD with any medical call possibly related to COVID-19 unless emergency care is needed.