



**WPU COVID-19 Return to Campus Guidelines  
Spring 2021  
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Welcome to Spring Semester 2021! As the world continues to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, we as a University community remain committed to providing an on-campus experience for our students. While many things have changed around us, William Peace University's Commitment to Community has not changed. We look forward to having students back on campus for the spring semester.

Below you will find important guidelines we have created to keep our campus as safe as possible. Thank you in advance for doing your part to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and to be a supportive and respectful community member here at William Peace University.

**I. Testing Before Returning to Campus**

All students who will be on campus for any reason must participate in COVID-19 testing and receive negative results before returning to campus after winter break. The test must be taken at a time that will provide results within 5 days of your scheduled return date. Failure to comply with re-entry testing will result in at least lack of access to campus as your Pacer Card will be invalid. You must upload a copy of your test result to your Magnus Health portal. If you have questions please email [HealthServices@peace.edu](mailto:HealthServices@peace.edu). Please see [COVID.peace.edu](https://COVID.peace.edu) for more information.

**II. Requirements for all students**

- Comply with [NC, Wake County, and other government orders](#) related to COVID-19.
- Wear a mask when outside, around campus, in residence halls, and in classrooms. You will be expected to:
  - wash hands with soap often, for at least 20 seconds
  - use hand sanitizer (with 60-95% alcohol) if soap and water is not available
  - stay away from sick people
  - cover your cough or sneeze with your arm, not your hand
  - maintain the required 6 ft. distancing mandate
  - clean and disinfect your personal space and frequently touched surfaces
  - self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 and complete a daily screening tool on the [Magnus Health portal](#) beginning Friday, January 15, 2021. Students should be prepared to share their screening results if asked by a University official.



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- comply with directives regarding class attendance, isolation, or quarantine
- be tested for COVID-19 if you develop symptoms or have known exposure to the virus.

### III. Additional Requirements for Residential Students

- In addition to the above requirements, residential students in residence halls and Village Green must abide by the following guidelines as well.
  - Residential students are required to wear a face covering or mask in all common spaces of the residence halls.
  - Residential students are not required to wear masks or face covering in their individual rooms alone or with their roommate (although face coverings are encouraged in this environment if students are not alone)
  - Students are **not** permitted to have guests from outside of the WPU Community in the residence halls, including their individual residence hall rooms. Outside guests include individuals who are not current faculty, staff, or students. These restrictions may not apply to some people, such as personal care attendants for students with disabilities.
  - Students may have one additional WPU Community member as a guest in their individual residence hall space. WPU Community members include students and faculty and staff who are conducting official university business. All students must abide by all community health guidelines and WPU guest policies, as well as maximum occupancy requirements.
  - Students may not have overnight guests in the residence halls.
  - There will be no room changes for the Spring semester except for extenuating circumstances or emergencies.
  - Residential students must have an emergency plan that includes a location they may go to if the University's residential status changes or if the student becomes ill and needs to leave campus.

### IV. Additional Requirements for Commuter Students

Students living and spending time in off-campus settings such as off-campus and non-university affiliated housing are expected to abide by current mass gathering limits and NC Executive Orders ([COVID-19 Orders & Directives](#)). Students who are suspected to be in violation of the mass gathering limits are subject to undergo the WPU

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accountability process as outlined in the WPU Community Code of Conduct.  
<https://tinyurl.com/WPU-Community-Code-of-Conduct>

### V. COVID-19 symptoms

- Watch for: Fever (temperature of 100.4 or above) • Chills • Cough • Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing • Fatigue • Muscle or body aches • Headache • Sore throat • New loss of taste or smell • Congestion or runny nose • Nausea or vomiting • Diarrhea
- **Call 911** if you experience: Severe difficulty breathing • Severe and persistent pain or pressure in the chest • New confusion • Inability to wake or stay awake • Bluish lips or face • Slurred speech • Severe dizziness • Any other severe symptoms that are concerning to you

### VI. Testing for COVID-19

- Weekly COVID-19 tests will be administered on-campus to help identify asymptomatic cases of the virus.
- All students who develop any symptoms of COVID-19 or have known exposure to COVID-19 will be required to quarantine and get a lab-confirmed test at an off-campus testing site. Students must submit their test result to Health Services at [HealthServices@peace.edu](mailto:HealthServices@peace.edu).
- Students may use their own primary care physician for COVID-19 testing if they desire.
- Students may find free drive-thru COVID-19 testing in Wake County by visiting [Testing – Wake County COVID-19 Information](#)
- Contact Health Services if you prefer a referral to a primary care for testing.

### VII. Positive Test for COVID-19

- If you test positive for COVID-19, please notify the Wellness Center immediately at [HealthServices@peace.edu](mailto:HealthServices@peace.edu).
- Students who test positive will be asked to go home if they are able. Students who are sick and not able to return home will be **isolated** in an on-campus space as capacity allows. Students who need to **quarantine** will be asked to go home if they are able.
  - **Isolation**: separates people who are sick with contagious disease from people who are not sick. If you need to isolate, please notify the Wellness Center immediately at [HealthServices@peace.edu](mailto:HealthServices@peace.edu). We expect isolation will typically

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- last 10 days, but could be shorter or longer depending on the circumstances. The Health Center will notify a student of their end of isolation date.
  - **Quarantine:** separates and restricts the movement of people who were exposed to a contagious disease to see if they become sick. These people may have been exposed to a disease and may not be showing any symptoms. If you need to quarantine, please notify the Wellness Center immediately at [HealthServices@peace.edu](mailto:HealthServices@peace.edu). We follow the CDC guidelines and require that you quarantine for 14 days after your last contact with a person who has COVID-19. Even if you test negative for COVID-19 or feel healthy, you should quarantine since symptoms may appear 2 to 14 days after exposure to the virus. The Health Center will notify a student of their end of quarantine date.
  - **Contact Tracing and Moving to Isolation/Quarantine Spaces:** The Wellness Center, in collaboration with the Wake County Department of Health, will be implementing contact tracing and notifying any individuals who have been exposed to COVID-19. Individuals will be contacted and notified of exposure in a reasonable timeframe. Students who need to move to an isolation or quarantine space will be moved as soon as possible.
- Continue to complete a daily Symptom Assessment Tool on the [Magnus Health portal](#).
  - If you have symptoms of COVID-19 and have been tested and are awaiting results, you must be in quarantine until a negative test result is received.
  - If you have tested positive for COVID-19, you can be with others after:
    - At least 10 days since symptoms first appeared **and**
    - At least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication **and**
    - Symptoms have improved.

### VIII. Notification

- You must notify Health Services ([HealthServices@peace.edu](mailto:HealthServices@peace.edu))
  - if you are experiencing any flu-like or COVID-19 symptoms
  - if you learn that you have been exposed to COVID-19
  - if you are self-quarantining or self-isolating
  - with the results of COVID-19 testing from any healthcare providers
- You must give consent for Health Services to notify appropriate campus offices (Residence Life, Academic Affairs, Athletics, Public Safety, Dining, Human Resources,

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etc.) about your quarantine/isolation status. Your diagnosis will not be shared but general

information will be used to ensure your basic needs are met and for public health purposes.

- You must keep your professors notified of your quarantine/isolation status.
- Health Services will notify students when they are cleared to return to class/gatherings/dining hall, etc. Students must not return to class or engage in gatherings without clearance from Health Services.

#### IX. Contact Information

- Health Services: [healthservices@peace.edu](mailto:healthservices@peace.edu); 919-508-2502
- Counseling Center: [counseling@peace.edu](mailto:counseling@peace.edu); 919-508-2163; 919-508-2018
- Disability Services: [disability@peace.edu](mailto:disability@peace.edu); 919-508-2163; 919-508-2018
- WPU Public Safety: 919-833-2277
- WPU Residence Life and Housing: [residencelife@peace.edu](mailto:residencelife@peace.edu); 919-508-2078
- Student Support Coordinator: [studentlife@peace.edu](mailto:studentlife@peace.edu); 919-508-2004
- Wake County COVID-19 Information hotline: 919-856-7044

**By electronically signing below:**

**I agree that I have read and understand the WPU COVID-19 Return to Campus Guidelines for Spring 2021. If I have questions, I will contact the appropriate office listed above.**

**I understand and agree** to follow all guidelines noted in section I of this document (ranging from face covering requirements to maintaining 6 foot physical distancing.)

**I understand that, if I exhibit any signs or symptoms of COVID-19**, as enumerated by the U.S. Center for Communicable Diseases (CDC) at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>, or if I have been **in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19**, it is my responsibility to follow the instructions set forth in this document.

**I understand**, if I need to self-isolate or self-quarantine, I will notify the Wellness Center immediately at [HealthServices@peace.edu](mailto:HealthServices@peace.edu).



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**I understand that** if I develop symptoms of COVID-19 or have known exposure to COVID-19, I must notify [HealthServices@peace.edu](mailto:HealthServices@peace.edu), self-quarantine, and seek testing for COVID-19. I must submit my test results to [HealthServices@peace.edu](mailto:HealthServices@peace.edu).

**I understand and affirm that, in the event of a medical emergency, I will call 911**, and that I should notify the operator that I have, or think I might have, COVID-19. If possible, I will put on a cloth face covering before medical help arrives.

**I understand that**, as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, I may be required to move to another room, hall or other location in the event of required self-quarantine or isolation by WPU Residence Life and Housing.

**I understand that**, as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, there will be no visitation allowed in student housing for the spring semester. In the event circumstances change, I will be notified.

**I understand that** Residence Life and Housing may find it necessary to take specific actions to protect the public health of residents which may include other communicable diseases besides COVID-19.

**I understand that** gatherings of more than 10 individuals in communal areas are prohibited in the residence halls and that gatherings of any size where physical distancing cannot be achieved are prohibited.

**I understand that** I am required to complete the Daily Symptom Tracker on Magnus Health each day before leaving my living space and I should be prepared to show my screening results to a University official upon request.

**I understand that** as a residential student I cannot have any guests outside of the WPU Community in the residence halls and that I must abide by maximum occupancy restrictions for guests in my residence hall room or Village Green apartment.

**I understand that** for the health and wellbeing of WPU students, faculty and staff, there may be changes in housing policies and procedures, and I agree to abide by these amended policies and procedures. If I do not, I could have my housing contract cancelled and be required to move out of my residence hall.

**I understand that** any behaviors that endanger the health and wellbeing of others are strictly prohibited, and I am required to comply with the requests of a WPU staff member. If I fail to do



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so, I could have my housing contract cancelled and be required to move out of my residence hall.

**I understand that** I will be required to read, sign and acknowledge these guidelines to be approved to move into my residence hall.

**I understand that** this addendum does not replace any requirements of the university for returning to campus including, but not limited to, signing up for the Magnus Health app, testing, staggered move in dates, etc.

**I understand that,** if I need to quarantine or isolate, Health Services may collaborate with other offices on campus such as Residence Life and Housing, Dining Services, Student Life, Public Safety, Athletics, etc to ensure my safety and the safety of the WPU Community. At no time will my diagnosis (if applicable) be shared, except when required to assist with public health compliance.

**I understand that,** as a residential student, I must have an emergency plan that includes an off-campus location I can go if the residential status of the University changes or if I become ill and need to leave campus.

**I understand that,** by signing below, I am pledging to fulfill my responsibility to the health and safety of the WPU Community.

\_\_\_\_\_ Student signature and date (Electronic signature)