Returning to Campus COVID-19 Protocol FAQs

**VACCINE REQUIREMENT: Am I required to receive an FDA/WHO approved vaccine prior to my return to campus?**

Getting your COVID-19 vaccine is the best way you can contribute to a typical, in-person experience at Carolina this fall and to prevent the spread of the virus. However, vaccines are not required to enter campus.

Regardless of vaccination status all students are required to complete the COVID-19 Vaccination Certification form in Connect Carolina. Under the Student Honor Code, you are expected to provide truthful information on your vaccination status, dates, and documentation.

**PRIOR TESTING: What are the testing requirements PRIOR to returning to campus?**

Students are not required to test prior to returning to campus. However, in accordance with federal guidance [1] all individuals traveling to the United States from an international location are required to have a negative COVID-19 viral test or documentation of recovery from COVID-19 no more than 3 days before travel.

**TESTING UPON ARRIVAL: What are the testing requirements UPON return to campus?**

If you are unvaccinated, chose not to share your vaccination status, or do not complete your COVID-19 Vaccination Certification in Connect Carolina (must be done by all enrolled students regardless of level of education or program) you are required to:
• Test once a week at the Carolina Together Testing Center AND
• Complete a test at the Carolina Together Testing Center within 24 hours of arriving on campus or in Chapel Hill.

Failure to complete one or both of these requirements is a COVID-19 Community Standards violation and may result in discipline by the Office of Student Conduct.

If you are unvaccinated and have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days, you will be exempted from the asymptomatic testing requirements for 90 days from your positive test result. Please send your test results to campushealth_records@unc.edu [2].

Free, voluntary asymptomatic testing will be available again this semester for vaccinated students and for all faculty and staff. It is important to note ? if you are symptomatic or identified as a close contact to someone who has COVID-19, do not get tested at the Carolina Together Testing Center. If you are a student, symptomatic testing is available at Campus Health. If you are an employee, contact your healthcare provider to get tested.

**VACCINE ACCESS: I would like to get a COVID-19 Vaccine when I arrive to campus, how do I get one?**

The Carolina Vaccine Clinic is located on the top floor of Student Stores in the Student Stores Pharmacy. Additionally, during move-in you can receive your shot at a on Tuesday, August 17th from 4 - 7 pm at Hinton James Residence Hall.

Please contact us with any specific questions you have about vaccines or the vaccination process.

**VACCINE + TESTING: How does my vaccination status affect my testing requirement throughout the fall semester?**

Effective August 1, 2021, student participation in the Carolina Together Testing Program (CTTP) is linked to a student’s vaccination status.

Unvaccinated students or students who do not wish to disclose their vaccination status will be required to test at a CTTP site once a week.
Vaccinated students are not required to participate in the Carolina Together Testing Program. If vaccinated students are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 they should contact us for an appointment and medical evaluation.

**VACCINE + QUARANTINE/ISOLATION: How does my vaccination status affect isolation and quarantine requirements?**

If you are fully vaccinated with an FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccination you will most likely not be subject to quarantine. You will be subject to isolation if you test positive.

If you are not fully vaccinated and are currently exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms OR have been in close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19, you will need to quarantine and contact us for further assistance.

All students who test positive for COVID-19 will be required to isolate.

Students who live off-campus generally may quarantine or isolate so in their off-campus residence unless otherwise directed by a medical provider or health official. Those students residing in on-campus housing, including Granville Towers can visit the Carolina Housing website to find out more about on-campus isolation and quarantine operations [3].

**INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL + TESTING: Do I need to test after arriving to campus after international travel?**

In accordance with federal guidance [1] all individuals traveling to the United States from an international location are required to have a negative COVID-19 viral test or documentation of recovery from COVID-19 no more than 3 days before travel.

Unvaccinated students living in the campus residence halls need to test within 3-5 days of arriving to the United States. Testing can be done at one of the Carolina Together Testing Program sites or other community medical facilities.

Unvaccinated students living off-campus need to test on arrival to campus at the Carolina Together Testing Program testing site.

**ARRIVAL QUARANTINE: If I am traveling to campus from an international location or from out of state, am I required to quarantine upon arrival?**
Individuals are not required to quarantine after travel, but all members of the Carolina community are encouraged to self-monitor [4] and seek medical attention as needed.

Unvaccinated travelers should limit unnecessary interactions with others for 7 days after travel. Limit unnecessary interactions means staying in your residence as much as possible, but you may leave to attend class, purchase and pick-up meals, and/or if you require medical attention. Do note, per CDC guidance [1], that all air passengers coming to the United States, including U.S. citizens and fully vaccinated people are required to have a negative COVID-19 viral test result no more than 3 days before travel or documentation of recovery from COVID-19 in the past 3 months before they board a flight. Additionally, all travelers should test again 3-5 days after entering the United States.

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[2] mailto:campushealth_records@unc.edu
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