



**Subject Line: Spring 2022 Student COVID Protocols**  
**Sent to All Students: January 13, 2022**

Dear Students:

Over the past few weeks, we have been carefully monitoring the effects of Omicron while also preparing for your return. Since March 2020, each semester has presented its own challenges — Spring 2022 looks to be no different.

One thing is constant — we remain committed to prioritizing the health and well-being of our community. There is still much that public health experts do not yet understand about the Omicron variant. What is clear is that this new variant is highly infectious. At the same time, there is strong evidence that the vaccines and boosters help prevent serious illness and hospitalizations in most individuals. For this reason, we ask, if you are not already, please get vaccinated, including the booster when eligible. Please upload your COVID vaccine records here:

**Student COVID-19 Vaccination Upload:** <https://medaille.forms-db.com/view.php?id=179250>

**Student COVID-19 Booster Upload:** <https://medaille.forms-db.com/view.php?id=207555>

As you may know, the CDC recently issued updated guidance as it relates to quarantine and isolation time periods. This included updated guidance which has been adopted by the Erie County Department of Health that now requires vaccinated individuals who are eligible for the booster and have not received it, to quarantine when in close contact with a positive individual. This is why we again encourage you to get vaccinated and receive the booster if eligible.

Your academic success requires good health *and* classroom learning (unless you're are enrolled in an online degree program). I am thankful to Medaille's faculty who have been flexible during isolation and quarantine periods of our students. However, as a student you largely control your success by getting vaccinated and ensuring your good health and attendance.

Below details the College Spring 2022 COVID-19 protocols along with applicable reporting forms. Please note: Medaille will ***not*** be adopting the recently released shortened CDC interim guidance for isolation. We will continue to follow the standard 10 day isolation and quarantine guidelines.

#### For COVID-Positive Students

1. If you receive a positive lab-administered test result, you must isolate for 10 days from the date of the test. OR If you administer an at-home test which is positive, you

must immediately schedule a lab-administered test and isolate until those results are received. For those who receive a positive lab-administered result, the isolation period will be 10 days from the date of the at-home test.

2. All students immediately must complete the **COVID-19 Positive Reporting Form** (for both at-home and/or lab-administered test results): <https://medaille.forms-db.com/view.php?id=186668>.

For those students initially submitting at-home test results (awaiting lab results), the upload picture must contain a picture of the box the test came in, with the positive test, as well as a piece of paper with the student's name, date of birth, and the date and time the at-home test was administered. You will also need to follow this link to report your positive home test results to the Erie County Department of Health: <https://www3.erie.gov/covid/form/form-to-report-a-positive-covid->

3. Follow all other instructions that may be provided by the College.

#### For Students Exposed to a COVID-Positive Individual

- If you are **fully vaccinated and boosted**, you are not required to quarantine given exposure to a COVID-positive individual. You should, however, continue to wear a well-fitting mask at all times when around others for a period of 10 days from exposure and get tested if showing signs and symptoms.
- Any student **not fully vaccinated and boosted**, and who is exposed to a COVID-positive individual, is required to quarantine for 10 days from exposure and should consider getting tested between days 5-7.
- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days and have submitted a positive lab result to the College, regardless of your vaccination status, you do not need to quarantine. You should, however, continue to wear a well-fitting mask at all times when around others for a period of 10 days from exposure and monitor for signs and symptoms.

A person who is considered to be not fully vaccinated and boosted is someone who meets any of the following conditions:

- Not vaccinated whatsoever
- Not fully vaccinated (in process of being vaccinated, but has not received final dose)
- Vaccinated and eligible for the booster, but has not yet received a booster dose

If at any time during the post-exposure period of 10 days, you begin to show signs and symptoms, you must stay home and immediately notify the college Wellness Center (716) 880-2112 and complete the link *Showing Signs and Symptoms of COVID-19*:

<https://medaille.forms-db.com/view.php?id=187356>



- Please be aware that signs and symptoms of Omicron may be similar to the flu or a common cold and can include cough, runny nose, headache, sore throat, fever, extreme fatigue, body aches, etc. Loss of taste/smell is less common with Omicron.

For those students exposed and/or showing signs and symptoms, you must complete the following forms and follow instructions provided by the College.

**Close Contact with a COVID-19 Positive Individual:** <https://medaille.forms-db.com/view.php?id=187891>

**Showing Signs and Symptoms of COVID-19:** <https://medaille.forms-db.com/view.php?id=187356>

The continued success of our College depends on Medaille's greatest strength — our community. Thank you for doing your part to help your fellow students, faculty and staff be safe. And, as always with COVID-19, guidance is subject to change, so I encourage you to follow our [Stay Safe](#) website for the most up-to-date information and an archive of important campus communications.

Please get vaccinated and get your booster when eligible,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy M DeKay".

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**Report Signs and Symptoms:** <https://medaille.forms-db.com/view.php?id=187356>

**Positive Reporting:** <https://medaille.forms-db.com/view.php?id=186668>

**Close Contact with a Known Positive:** <https://medaille.forms-db.com/view.php?id=187891>