



Student Handbook Addendum

2021-2022 COVID-19 Pandemic Policies

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The following policies will be in effect for the entire 2021-2022 academic year unless otherwise modified or rescinded in writing. All policies will be reviewed throughout the year and may be modified if needed. Students will receive reasonable notice prior to policy changes mid-year.

1. COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement

All undergraduate and graduate students taking in-person/face-to-face courses and those who wish to come to campus for any reason including utilizing campus resources and attending in-person college activities (such as commencement), must provide proof of vaccination and be “up-to-date” on their COVID-19 vaccinations or receive an approved medical or religious exemption. Students must provide proof of the final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and their booster dose (if eligible) or receive an approved exemption prior to coming to campus or attending in-person college activities for the first time.

Students enrolled in courses that meet in-person who are not “up-to-date” on their COVID-19 vaccinations by February 1, 2022 or within 2-weeks of becoming eligible, will be subject to suspension from the College.

Students who are found responsible for violating the COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement policy, including coming to campus for any reason without providing proof of vaccination or receiving an approved exemption or falsifying proof of vaccination, will face disciplinary action up to and including suspension from the College.

2. Face Coverings and Physical Distancing

Effective Monday, February 28, 2022, masks will no longer be required for individuals who are up-to-date¹ with their COVID-19 vaccination and booster on AIC’s campus (including in classrooms, residence halls, and dining facilities) with the following exceptions:

- Per Massachusetts Department of Public Health and CDC guidelines, **all individuals (regardless of vaccination status) are still required to wear a face covering while in the Dexter Health and Counseling facilities, in the Athletic Training facility, and on all public & private transportation (including the shuttle and athletic transport vehicles).**
- All individuals (regardless of vaccination status) should wear a mask if they are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19. Students should call Dexter Health Services at (413) 205-3248 for evaluation and testing. Employees should remain home until they receive a negative COVID-19 test.

All individuals who are not up-to-date¹ on COVID-19 vaccinations or are unvaccinated, including those that have received an approved exemption, are still required to wear face coverings and observe physical distancing while inside any AIC facility where others are present, and while outside when social distancing cannot be guaranteed with the following exceptions:

- Students who are not up-to-date¹ are not expected to wear a face covering when they are in their private residence hall rooms, suites, or apartments.
- Employees who are not up-to-date¹ are not expected to wear a face covering when they are in their private office.

¹“Up-to-Date” on COVID-19 Vaccinations is defined as:

- Completed the primary series of Pfizer, Moderna or J&J vaccine or the primary series of a WHO authorized vaccine AND a booster dose; OR
- Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine within the last 5 months; OR
- Completed the primary series of J&J vaccine within the last 2 months

Everyone at AIC is responsible for keeping the community healthy and safe as we adjust to this new normal. Students who are found responsible for willfully and/or regularly violating the Face Coverings and Physical Distancing policy will face disciplinary action up to and including suspension from the College.

3. Housing Agreement, Section 21, part b – Guests/Visitation/Quiet Hours

While students may have guests in their assigned residence hall, all guests must follow current face mask requirements. All overnight guests must be “up-to-date” with their COVID-19 vaccinations. Students are encouraged to limit non-AIC guests to help maintain appropriate occupancy in each residence hall and decrease transmission between students if someone is exposed to the virus.

Students who are found responsible for violating the Residence Hall Guest policy will face disciplinary action up to and including suspension from residency.

4. Contact Tracing Compliance

To ensure the timely identification of potential exposures, all students are required to participate in any contact tracing measures deemed necessary by the Department of Public Health and American International College.

Failure to provide complete and accurate information will result in disciplinary action up to and including suspension from the College.

5. Testing Requirements

All students are required to comply with any testing requirements established by the institution as well as regulations established by federal, state or local governments. This includes testing if a student develops symptoms and any applicable initial screening or ongoing surveillance for unvaccinated individuals. Additionally, students may also be required to be tested if they are identified through contact tracing as a close contact to a person who tested positive for COVID-19.

Students who are required to be tested and refuse, will be required to quarantine off campus, at their own expense, for a period of time consistent with current AIC policies and government regulations and guidelines.

6. Quarantine and Isolation Housing Requirements

Students who are not “up-to-date” on their COVID-19 vaccinations, who are deemed a close contact through contact tracing, to someone who tested positive for COVID-19, will be required to quarantine. Students under quarantine must comply with testing requirements and maintain strict quarantine until they have completed the required quarantine period per Health Services and consistent with current government regulations. Students under quarantine must not enter the on-campus dining facilities. Resident students who must move to temporary quarantine housing will be allowed to place a take-out order from Dining Services using the instructions provided by Health Services and Residence Life. Meals will be delivered to students in quarantine.

Students who are “up-to-date” on their COVID-19 vaccinations, who are deemed a close contact through contact tracing, to someone who tested positive for COVID-19, are not required to quarantine but are encouraged be tested on day 5 following the date of their first exposure or immediately upon symptom onset. All close contacts should wear a mask in public indoor settings for 10 days after the date of their exposure.

Students who test positive for COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status, will be required to isolate. Resident students are required to temporarily move to designated isolation housing. While in isolation, students will not be permitted to enter any buildings on campus, may not have guests in the building, and cannot leave their temporary assignment (if applicable) except for emergencies. Students in isolation housing must comply with monitoring requirements from Health Services and will have meals delivered to them, so as not to enter the dining facilities. Students must follow all instructions from Health Services and the Office of Residence Life before returning to their regular housing assignment.

7. Policies Outlined on the AIC FAQ Page

All students are required to comply with all policies outlined on the AIC Reopening FAQ page located at <https://www.aic.edu/faqs-2021/>.