



Student Handbook Addendum

2022-2023 Public Health Policies

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The following policies will be in effect for the entire 2022-2023 academic year unless otherwise modified or rescinded in writing.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 “fully vaccinated” against COVID-19 or receive an approved medical or religious exemption. Students must provide proof of the final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine or receive an approved exemption prior to coming to campus or attending in-person college activities for the first time.

“Fully vaccinated” is defined on-campus as having completed the primary series of the Pfizer, Moderna, Novavax or Johnson & Johnson vaccine or the primary series of a WHO authorized vaccine.

Additionally, the College highly recommends (but does not require) COVID-19 booster doses consistent with CDC guidance prior to the Fall 2022 semester (or when eligible). AIC reserves the right to require students to comply with other mitigation strategies, including current or future vaccines or boosters, testing, and masking.

Students who are found responsible for violating the COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement policy, including coming to campus 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

Masks will no longer be required 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 and in the Athletic Training facility.**
- All individuals (regardless of vaccination status) should wear a mask if they are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, M-Pox, or any other communicable disease.

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.

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 policy will face disciplinary action up to and including suspension from the College.

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

All overnight guests must be “fully vaccinated” against COVID-19. 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 to communicable diseases, all students are required to participate in any contact tracing measures deemed necessary by the Department of Public Health and American International College. Additionally, students are expected to notify their own close contacts of any potential exposures.

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 testing. 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 a communicable disease.

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. COVID-19 Quarantine and Isolation Housing Requirements

Students 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 to be tested on day 5 following the date of their first exposure or immediately upon symptom onset. All close contacts must 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 encouraged to leave campus and go home to complete their isolation period. If isolating at home is not possible, students are required to isolate in their assigned housing space. While in isolation, students will not be permitted to enter any buildings on campus, except to pick up grab'n'go meals from the Hive to bring back to their space or to go to Health Services if necessary. Students in isolation may not have guests in their space, and must wear a well-fitting KN95 or N95 mask if they have to leave their private space for any reason. Students in isolation housing must comply with monitoring requirements from Health Services. Students must follow all instructions from Health Services and the Office of Residence Life before leaving isolation.

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-2022/>.