

This document provides a basic overview of the reopening guidelines established by Tompkins Cortland Community College for the Fall 2022 Semester. This plan has been prepared using the guidelines provided by SUNY and reviewed by the Tompkins County Health Department and adheres to current New York State Department of Health and Federal CDC Guidelines.

****PLEASE NOTE: As the dynamics of the pandemic continue to change, so might these guidelines. ****
Updates to any guidance will continue to be provided on the College's COVID-19 website and through various methods of direct communication to faculty, staff, and students. Check this website for the most up-to-date guidelines: <https://www.tompkinscortland.edu/college-info/covid-19-policies-and-updates>

The College, in consultation with the Tompkins County Health Department and with SUNY System Administration approval, retain the authority to modify, pause, or restrict campus operations in the event of increased transmission of the virus or an identified campus outbreak.

College decision making factors:

- rate of virus and transmission in surrounding counties
- percentage of vaccination rate in Tompkins and Cortland County
- availability and accessibility of vaccinations and boosters
- success of past campus systems and processes
- a strong desire to maintain in-person classes and activities
- ongoing availability of PCR testing through partnership with Cayuga Health System
- availability of rapid test kits through the College Health Center
- advisory warnings/recommendations from the Tompkins County Health Dept., SUNY, NYS, and CDC

The College encourages all faculty, staff, and students to remain up-to-date with vaccinations and boosters as a part of the community effort to promote a healthy and safe campus environment.

Vaccination and Booster Information:

Tompkins County: <https://tompkinscountyny.gov/health/covid19vaccine>

Cortland County: <https://www.cortland-co.org/1009/COVID-19-Vaccine-Information>

New York State: <https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/>

QUICK SUMMARY OF COVID-19 FALL 2022 GUIDELINES

- All students taking any in-person classes must be fully vaccinated before the start of the Fall 2022 semester. Fully vaccinated is defined as two weeks after receiving the last dose of a two dose series or two weeks after receiving a one dose vaccine.
- All students, faculty, and staff are strongly encouraged to stay up to date on their boosters as defined by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) per age group.
- There is currently no mask requirement on campus. However, individuals are encouraged to continue to wear masks as a personal choice. We recommend that you make the decision that is best for your own health and wellbeing. Please support anyone's choice to continue masking or to maintain social distancing, and be kind and respectful of everyone's individual choices.
- Students who have an approved exemption from vaccination are subject to mandatory weekly testing through the Health Center on campus. Faculty and staff who have chosen not to share their vaccination status are no longer required to test weekly.

FULL GUIDELINES

Vaccination and Boosters

Vaccinations

STUDENTS: The SUNY Student COVID-19 Vaccine Policy (the "Policy") remains in effect and requires all students who will have a physical presence on campus to provide evidence of, at minimum, the initial course of COVID vaccinations. Pursuant to the Policy, students are considered fully vaccinated for the initial course of vaccination: (1) two weeks after receiving the second dose in a two dose COVID-19 vaccine series or (2) two weeks after receiving a single dose COVID-19 vaccine. For the purposes of this policy, "students" are defined as any individual matriculated or otherwise enrolled full-time or part-time at SUNY Facilities as well as visiting, auditing, exchange, continuing education, and international students taking in-person courses at SUNY. The definition of students does not include individuals whose student status is solely due to participation in workforce training programming arranged directly through their employer, unless specifically designated by the campus. The definition of students also does not include high school students in concurrent enrollment courses offered by a SUNY campus and located at the student's high school or other third-party location.

RESIDENTIAL STUDENTS: Students must be fully vaccinated before moving in to their residence hall. Residential students who arrive to campus to move-in and have not previously provided proof of vaccination will be considered unvaccinated and subject to mandatory weekly testing until two weeks after their final vaccine dose. Students who need assistance with making a vaccine appointment can contact Health and Wellness Services at healthcenter@tompkinscortland.edu or 607-844-8222 ext. 4487.

ALL ONLINE STUDENTS: Students who are taking all online classes are not required to be vaccinated. However, unvaccinated students should not come to campus to utilize support services. We do offer a variety of online/remote services to help fully online/remote students. Remote students must also

register as a fully online student and complete an attestation at the Health and Wellness portal here <https://tompkinscortland.studenthealthportal.com> .

If a need arises for an online only student to come to campus for a brief period of time (sign a form, pick up a book, etc.), they should make an appointment to do so whenever possible and wear a mask when they arrive on campus.

FACULTY AND STAFF: Faculty and staff are not required to be vaccinated but are strongly encouraged to do so.

MEDICAL OR RELIGIOUS EXEMPTIONS FOR STUDENTS: Students must request a medical or religious exemption by contacting the Health and Wellness Services at healthcenter@tompkinscortland.edu or 607-844-8222 ext. 4487 no later than August 12, 2022. Please note that all exemptions must be approved, and a request is not a guarantee of an exemption. Students will also be required to provide supporting documentation. Appeals for denied exemptions should be emailed to the Vice President for Student Services at VPSS@TompkinsCortland.edu.

Boosters

STUDENTS: All students are strongly encouraged to stay up to date on their vaccinations and boosters as defined by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), including obtaining any booster authorized by the FDA and recommended by the CDC for their age group. While not required at this time, the College, in compliance with any updated SUNY guidelines, reserves the authority to impose a requirement for any booster at any time as a result of changes in local conditions or as a result of requirements imposed by Federal, State or local authorities.

FACULTY AND STAFF: Faculty and staff are not required to be up to date with boosters, but are strongly encouraged to do so.

TESTING

Return-to-Campus Testing & Surveillance Testing

There will be no required return-to campus or ongoing surveillance testing for Fall 2022, except for students who have a College approved medical or religious exemption.

On-Campus Testing

STUDENTS: Students can visit the Health Center (118A) during regular operating hours to pick up a rapid test if needed. PCR testing can be scheduled through the Cayuga Health System by making an appointment at <https://cayugahealthsystem.org/>. The Health Center can assist with arranging transportation to the site if needed. Testing is provided at no cost to students.

STUDENTS WITH RELIGIOUS OR MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS: Unvaccinated students who have received religious or medical exemptions **must be tested weekly**. Students should go directly to the Health Center (118A) to set up a recurring appointment to be tested.

FACULTY AND STAFF: PCR testing can be scheduled through the Cayuga Health System by making an appointment at <https://cayugahealthsystem.org/>. Rapid tests are widely available at local pharmacies. The Health Center will not be providing tests for Faculty and Staff.

Masks, Social Distancing, Daily Health Checks

Mask Requirement

There is currently no mask requirement for campus facilities, including residence halls, athletic facilities, and extension centers. Individuals are encouraged to continue to wear masks as a personal choice. We recommend that you make the decision that is best for your own health and wellbeing. Please support anyone's choice to continue masking or to maintain social distancing, and be kind and respectful of everyone's individual choices. The College, in consultation with the Tompkins County Health Department, SUNY, and NYSDOH retain the authority to implement a mask mandate at any time. The College has consistently followed the guidance from Health Advisories issued by the Tompkins County Health Department, the NYSDOH, SUNY, and the CDC.

Social Distancing

Current guidelines have relaxed the need for social distancing, except to accommodate individual choice to maintain a distance from others.

Visitors On Campus

The campus will remain open to the public. Off-campus groups can resume events and programs on campus by following the established room reservations process. The public must follow the same guidelines of the College for vaccinated and unvaccinated status; as well as adhere to any active Health Advisories or adjusted policies issued by the Tompkins County Health Department. The College reserves the right to cancel or modify any event to ensure the safety of the College community and attendees.

Daily Health Screening

The College is not requiring any form of daily health check or screening. Individuals are advised to monitor their own symptoms and exposure and refrain from coming to campus if symptomatic or have had a known exposure to the virus.

Quarantine and Isolation

Quarantine

Quarantine is for those who have had a known exposure to the virus. As of January 4, 2022, NYS Department of Health and Tompkins County Health Department have adopted this guidance:

- If unvaccinated, partially vaccinated, or fully vaccinated but not yet boosted, quarantine at home for 5 days from last exposure and wear a well-fitting mask for 5 additional days.

- If fully vaccinated and boosted or not yet eligible for a booster, no quarantine is required, but people should still wear a mask around others for 10 days after the last day of exposure.
- If you have access to testing, test at day 5. Testing is free of charge for TC3 faculty, staff, and students at the Mall Site and at neighboring NYS Test sites, or you may use a self-test.
- If you develop symptoms, quarantine and seek testing.
- Exception for school teachers, staff and students: Fully vaccinated individuals (teachers, students, and staff) ages 12 and older who were exposed may attend school if they have completed the primary series but have not yet received a booster.
- If you need documentation for work or school, download the NYS Quarantine Self-Affirmation Form. It will contain your quarantine start and end date. That form is available here:
https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2022/01/Affirmation_of_Quarantine_011222.pdf

If you are a student living in the Residence Halls, you can quarantine in your room on campus and should contact the COVID-19 Campus Team at reportcovid19@tompkinscortland.edu to arrange support services.

Isolation

Isolation is for those who have tested positive for the virus. As of January 4, 2022, NYS Department of Health and Tompkins County Health Department have adopted this guidance:

- Regardless of vaccination status, isolate at home away from others for 5 days from symptom onset or test date.
- If asymptomatic or symptoms are improving, at the end of 5 days isolation ends. You should wear a well-fitting mask around others for an additional 5 days.
- People who are immunocompromised should continue to follow the full 10 days of isolation.
- People who are unable to wear a mask for 5 days after isolation should follow the full 10 days of isolation.
- Notify close contacts that they may have been exposed, should monitor themselves for symptoms, and follow the quarantine guidance below.
- Continue to monitor your own symptoms.
- If you need documentation for work or school, download the NYS Isolation Self-Affirmation Form. It will contain your Isolation start and end date. Available here:
https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2022/01/affirmation_of_isolation_011222.pdf
- If you used a self-test, follow guidance posted here:
<https://tompkinscountyny.gov/health/factsheets/coronavirussamplingsite#selftest>

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Pivot to Remote Instruction

The New York State Department of Health (DOH) requirements for a mandatory pause are no longer in effect. The College will continue to monitor local conditions and will obtain approval from SUNY System Administration in order to change to a virtual or remote format for academic instruction, delay the start of the semester, modify College breaks, or delay or change the format of commencement activities. This will only be done in consultation with or at the direction of the Tompkins County Health Department.

CAMPUS REPORTING PROTOCOLS

The College has established an email that can be used for any of the following reasons:

- If a student self-reports to you that they are positive or in quarantine
- If a student reports to you that they think another student is positive or in quarantine
- If you wish to report a concern that someone is not following College COVID-19 protocols
- To ask a question regarding any of the College COVID-19 protocols

The email is reportcovid19@tomkinscortland.edu and is listed in Outlook as “COVID19 Reports.”

For the most up-to-date protocols, please visit the College’s COVID-19 information page:

<https://www.tomkinscortland.edu/college-info/covid-19-policies-and-updates>