

COVID-19 Condition Levels

The University reserves the right to modify these measures or to enact them as needed. This is a working document that will evolve along with the situation.

Categories	YELLOW CONTAINED/LOCALIZED	ORANGE CAUTION	RED WARNING	PURPLE VACATE
Description	Those diagnosed or potentially exposed are confined.	Outbreak occurs and general areas impacted may need to quarantine out of caution.	In the event contact tracing is not reliable, the University may switch to online learning.	Community spread. Students and staff asked to vacate campus and work/learn remotely.
General	All safety protocols in place, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks • Frequent hand washing • Maintaining physical distance • Increased disinfection 	All safety protocols in place, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks • Frequent hand washing • Maintaining physical distance • Increased disinfection 	All safety protocols in place, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks • Frequent hand washing • Maintaining physical distance • Increased disinfection • Consider moving services and functions online where possible. 	University operations move online.
Classes	Classes and University operations continue as planned and in compliance with University protocols and policies; federal, state, and local guidance; and best practices	Consider moving classes that involve exposed individuals online if necessary. All other classes operate as normal.	Consider moving all classes to online format.	All classes held online.
Residence Halls & Dining Services	Normal operations with established safety protocols.	Normal operations with additional protocols such as reduced in-person meetings, more virtual programming, etc.	Resident students remain on campus in the halls and dining hall remains in operation.	Resident students return home. For students who are unable to return home, they may remain with VP approval and will be housed according to best practice protocols. Meals will be available to those students who cannot return home.
Athletics	Normal operations with established safety protocols.	Normal operations with teams enacting additional precautions.	Consider suspending athletic practices and competitions	Athletics operations suspended
Employees	Normal operations with established safety protocols.	Consider moving meetings that involve exposed individuals online.	Consider moving all meetings to virtual only and employees who can work from home do so with VP approval.	Meetings and other gatherings to be virtual only. All non-essential employees work from home.

Status 1 – Yellow: CONTAINED/LOCALIZED:

A small number of individuals have tested positive, and contact tracing suggests that exposures are confined and the situation can be contained, isolated, and remediated. If an exposed or infected individual is a resident, they will be referred to quarantine or isolation as needed. Affected areas are decontaminated and University contact tracing team will monitor for possible escalation. All other campus and residence operations remain unaffected. If an outbreak should occur on a particular floor, classroom, office suite, or common area where contact tracing still allows for a high degree of confidence in the ability to isolate and contain any flare-ups, it may require a floor, class, office suite, common area to be closed for a period of time to allow for proper decontamination and containment.

Status 2 – Orange: CAUTION

An outbreak occurs where the ability to contact trace with high confidence makes it difficult to identify a specific area for containment, isolation and remediation. It may be necessary to close affected areas or buildings, isolate or move affected students, and/or ask impacted employees to move to remote operations. Some courses may switch to strictly online modality and impacted residents may be asked to shelter in place (stay and study in their rooms).

Status 3 – Red: WARNING

In the event contact tracing cannot reliably identify affected parties or spaces and contain the spread of COVID-19 campus wide, the University may switch all students to fully remote learning while staying in their on-campus residences. Commuter students will not come to campus and will use virtual learning tools. Students with the ability to return home may be asked to do so. Impacted employees will be asked to work remotely. The University will return to more normal, in-person operations once it can contain the outbreak.

Status 4 – Red: VACATE

If the spread of COVID-19 on campus or locally is such that public health guidance or direction, or the University administration with the advice of our medical panel deems it critically necessary for the safety of our entire campus community to move students off campus to continue their classes, the University will initiate the following process:

- Students within 100 miles of campus have 24 hours to move out of their on-campus residences.
- All other domestic students will have 48 hours to move out of their on-campus residences.
- International and out of state students can work with Residence Life regarding any special accommodations.
- Students unable to move out of their on-campus residences in the allotted time can email reslife@walsh.edu to make alternate arrangements.

Should an immediate evacuation of campus be necessary such that students cannot take their belongings with them, the University will contact students at a later date about a possible move-out process.