

Thank you Cav Nation for your continued efforts with following our Seven to Remember! The health, safety, and well-being of Cav Nation continue to be our highest priority. Throughout the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, our decisions have been guided by public health officials, and we have adapted our approach as the virus and science has evolved. We will continue to do so into the future. Over the last several weeks we have monitored the impact of the Omicron variant both locally and within our campus community. Our campus positive cases continue to remain low and upon consultation with our local health department we are prepared to make additional adjustments to our campus guidelines.

Effectively immediately, we will be updating our masking and contract tracing guidelines.

Mask and Distance

We will be lifting the temporary campus masking guidelines from last month. Moving forward, anyone may wear a mask at any time at their discretion. While on campus, vaccinated individuals are not required to wear a mask. While on campus, non-vaccinated individuals are responsible to exercise caution and remain diligent to distance themselves and wear a mask when around others.

For smaller spaces on campus with meetings or academic classes, the team leader or faculty member may be aware of an individual participant that has a health concern (such as the care of an elderly parent or a sibling with a medical condition); hence, if asked to "mask up" by the team leader or the faculty member for these situations, we ask that all members of Cav Nation respond charitably for the sake of the common good and wear a mask while respecting the medical privacy concerns of others in our community.

Contact Tracing

Walsh University will no longer be conducting universal contact tracing for COVID-19 exposure. We will continue to contact trace in instances where the positive case is a member of your household (family members, roommates, etc.) and other higher-risk settings.

If you test positive for COVID-19, you will be directed to return home for the quarantine/isolation period. Persons who have had close contact exposure to COVID-19 but have been vaccinated and received an updated booster will not be required to quarantine. All others with close contact exposure will be required to quarantine for a period of five days. Proof of vaccination will be required so it is important to have a copy of your vaccination card.

Seven to Remember

Please continue to follow our <u>Seven to Remember</u>! Remember small actions make a large difference with reducing the spread of germs.

Vaccinations and Boosters

Vaccinations and boosters remain widely available. The university strongly encourages Cav Nation to keep up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters. Getting fully vaccinated remains the best defense against the virus. We encourage members of CAV Nation to seek guidance from your healthcare provider and, if you are able, consider getting vaccinated and boosted to ensure a safe and active campus environment.

Reporting

If you have tested positive for COVID or have questions, please contact:

Employees:

Laurel Lusk, Vice-President for Business and Finance Affairs at (330) 244-4762 | <u>llusk@walsh.edu</u>.

Students:

Student COVID Reporting Hotline: (234) 380-7510

COVID-19 Testing

COVID-19 tests remain available through AultmanNow – Washington Square. Tests are available to all of Cav Nation, just ask for the Walsh COVID Test. Testing is left to the discretion of the treating medical professionals. In addition, free COVID home tests will continue to be distributed on campus. Watch your email for details.

Again, thank you for continuing to take care of our campus community. Swords up!



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