

FOR STUDENTS

UC Washington Center COVID-19 Reopening Summary: Protocols and Procedures

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Plans to reopen for on-site operations, in-person instruction, and in-person activities take into consideration recommendations and guidelines provided in the CDC [Guidance for Institutions of Higher Education \(IHEs\)](#) and the [University of California Consensus Standards for Operation of Campus and ANR Locations in Light of the SARS-CoV-2 Pandemic](#) and the [UC SARS-CoV-2 Vaccination Program Participation Policy](#).

This document is based on the [UCDC Reopening Plan](#) (submitted to D.C. Higher Education Licensure Commission on May 24, 2021) and the subsequent [UC SARS-CoV-2 Vaccination Program Participation Policy](#) (released on July 15, 2021).

Our primary goal is to make the Washington Center open to our students. First and foremost, this means providing a healthy and safe living and learning environment for students and workspace for staff. All protocols and procedures are designed with this priority in mind.

Our protocols and procedures are subject to change with any changes in the COVID-19 health and safety guidelines and requirements from the CDC, D.C., and the University of California.

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UC policy requires that UC and other resident students be fully vaccinated to be on-site at UC locations. It is expected that some students will have qualifying exemptions and will therefore be unvaccinated.

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General Requirements & Procedures.

- **All students are required to comply with the UC vaccination policy by the UCDC move-in dates. This means students must be either fully vaccinated or have applied for a qualifying exemption.**
 - **Methods of demonstrating compliance may vary from campus to campus.**
 - **Students are responsible for verifying their compliance before arriving in DC.**
- **All students are encouraged to be vaccinated.**
- **All students – vaccinated or unvaccinated-compliant – must be tested for COVID-19 upon their arrival at the Washington Center.**
 - **A **positive** test result must be reported to UCDC-COVID-19-Response@UCDC.edu**
- **All students – vaccinated or unvaccinated – must complete an online screening form (with a series of health questions) each day before their first departure from their apartment.**
- **All students who feel symptoms of COVID-19 must get a COVID-19 test.**
- **All students who are unvaccinated-compliant must get a COVID-19 test upon arrival & every week thereafter. Your campus may require more frequent testing and other nonpharmaceutical interventions (NPIs) to remain compliant with UC Policy.**

- All students – vaccinated or unvaccinated -- with a **positive** COVID-19 test must report results to UCDC-COVID-19-Response@UCDC.edu
 - Negative results are not required to be reported.
- All students, regardless of vaccination status, must always wear a mask in all spaces in the Washington Center *except* in their apartment.
- Physical distancing is encouraged at the Washington Center regardless of vaccination status.
- Frequent hand washing and use of hand sanitizer is recommended.
- All outside guests or visitors are prohibited on the Center's residential floors (#4-11).
- Students who are required to sequester¹ for 7 days after arrival should plan for their academic and internship activities to be remote for the first week.

Screening for COVID-19.

- All students – vaccinated or unvaccinated – must complete an online-screening form (with a series of health questions) before their first departure from their apartment each day.
- If a student is approved in the screening process, they may leave and return at will and without additional steps.
- If a student is NOT approved by the screening process before leaving their apartment, they must stay in their apartment and follow self-isolation procedures, including contacting the Student Services emergency line for assistance. [More detail below, Isolation and/or Quarantine Procedure]

Testing for COVID-19.

- All students must comply with their home campus requirements.
- All students who experience symptoms of COVID-19 must get a COVID-19 test.
- All students – vaccinated or unvaccinated – must get a COVID-19 test upon their arrival to the Washington Center.
- Students arriving from international locations, regardless of vaccination status, must sequester² for 7 days after arrival and initial testing. A second test is required no earlier than 5 days after the initial test.
- Students who are unvaccinated-compliant must get a COVID-19 test upon their arrival to the Washington Center AND every week thereafter if they remain unvaccinated-compliant. Your campus may require more frequent testing and other NPIs to remain compliant with UC Policy.
 - Upon arrival and after testing, these students must sequester³ for 7 days in their apartment.
 - A second test is required no earlier than 5 days after the initial test.
 - Weekly tests are required thereafter for the whole term if the student remains fully unvaccinated.
- [Testing sites](#) in the DC community are accessible to students.

Reporting COVID-19 Test Results.

- Any student – vaccinated or unvaccinated – who tests positive for COVID-19 must immediately email UCDC-COVID-19-Response@UCDC.edu with the following information:

¹ Sequester: Minimizing in-person interactions where individuals congregate or interact. Students should leave their apartments only to participate in essential activities (e.g., to pick up meals or purchase food, participate in low-risk outdoor recreational activities, or obtain health care services).

² See Note 1.

³ See Note 1.

- First and last name
- Phone number where you can be reached.
- Internship organization
- Date of positive result
- Last day on-site
- Estimated number of visitors exposed.
- Estimated number of on-site employees exposed.
- Brief description of situation that can be provided to DC Health.
- An authorized member of the UCDC staff will report this information to DC Health
- DC Health COVID-19 Reporting Requirements website: dchealth.dc.gov/page/covid-19-reporting-requirements.

Isolation⁴ and/or Quarantine⁵ Procedures.

- If a student experiences symptoms and/or is not approved by the UCDC screen while they are at the Washington Center, they should stay in/return to their apartment for self-isolation.
 - The student should contact a health care provider to discuss symptoms and testing options.
 - The student should contact the Student Services emergency duty line to inform them of their self-isolation and confirm that they have consulted a health care provider.
- If a student tests positive for COVID-19, they must isolate for 10 days in a different apartment.
 - Student Services staff will arrange isolation housing, meals, contact tracing, and other required steps to supporting the student and the UCDC and DC community.
- A student who shares an apartment with the student who tests positive for COVID-19 must quarantine in their apartment for 14 days.
 - Student Services staff will arrange meals, contact tracing, and other required steps to supporting the student and the UCDC and DC community.
 - If the student experiences symptoms, they will follow the testing and reporting protocols.
- Under any of these circumstances, the student should contact their internship supervisor and their course instructor(s) for guidance in continuing their work.

Maintaining Privacy.

- UCDC maintains guidelines for compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) which is available at <https://www.ucop.edu/uc-legal/files/ed-affairs/ferpa101.pdf>
- UCDC's Electronic Communications Policy is available at <https://policy.ucop.edu/doc/7000470/ElectronicCommunications>
- University policy requires that its employees take necessary precautions to protect the confidentiality of personal information encountered either in the performance of their duties or otherwise (see Business and Finance Bulletin IS-3, Electronic Information Security).
- All data collection notices, storage, and security will follow the [UC Privacy and Information Security Initiative](#). UCDC staff will be trained prior to student arrival to take all steps necessary to maintain student and community member privacy in accordance with UCDC's policies on FERPA, and Electronic Communications Policy.

⁴ Isolation: Separating sick people with a contagious disease from people who are not sick.

⁵ Quarantine: Separating and restricting the movement of people who were exposed to a contagious disease to see if they become sick.