



## **COVID-19 HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN**

### **SPRING 2022 SEMESTER**

For the Spring 2022 semester, Mansfield University plans to continue offering a primarily in-person instructional environment. The first day of classes is Monday, January 24. Health and wellness protocols will remain in place as described in this document.

The university will continue to monitor COVID-19 conditions on campus and in the surrounding community, particularly with regard to the Omicron variant. The university will continue to communicate with the campus community throughout the semester to provide updates to this Spring 2022 COVID-19 Health and Safety Plan. COVID-19 information can be found at the [MU COVID-19 Resources Page](#).

Please continue to watch for emails from Mansfield University about any changes that may affect plans for the Spring semester.

#### **Vaccine Information**

Mansfield University strongly encourages all members of the campus community to get vaccinated prior to the start of the spring semester. If you have been fully vaccinated, it is recommended to receive the booster vaccination prior to your return to campus. The COVID-19 vaccine is an important tool to help end the pandemic and maintain a primarily face-to-face environment for the Spring 2022 semester.

In addition, Mansfield University is planning with its partner, UPMC Wellsboro, to host another on-campus vaccination and booster clinic at the beginning of the spring semester. Information on the scheduled clinic will be available on the [MU COVID-19 Resources Page](#).

#### **Mask Usage**

Mansfield University determines its masking protocols in relation to CDC guidance and recommendations of the PA Department of Health. At this time, masks covering the nose and mouth will be required for all individuals on campus, regardless of vaccination status, for the start of the spring semester for all campus indoor spaces. Surgical masks or KN95 masks are recommended; all masks, regardless of type, should be well-fitting and cover both the nose and mouth. If outdoors in large groups, masking should be considered.

Because masking is currently still required on planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation, masking is required when riding in the Mountie Shuttle and MU large vans. Also, masks should be worn if COVID-19 symptoms are present until a negative test has been received regardless of your vaccination status.

Individuals are referred to [CDC guidance](#) for more information about how to protect themselves and others.

The university may adjust its masking guidance at any time in response to changing conditions on campus and/or in the surrounding community.

### **Student Health Services**

The MU student health clinic will operate on an appointment-only basis for the Spring 2022 semester. Students should call 570-662-4350 to schedule an appointment. Masking is required to enter the student health clinic.

### **Testing**

Mansfield University will facilitate COVID testing for students, staff, and faculty throughout the regular semester and communicate testing availability during the semester. Testing is encouraged for the campus community, as it is an important component to the ongoing monitoring of campus health.

- **Entry Screening:** Testing of students living in the residence halls will be required prior to moving in for all students, regardless of vaccination status. Testing will also be available on campus during the first week of the semester for all students and employees.
- **Regular Screening:** Ongoing testing of random and targeted selections of students will occur throughout the semester.
- **Student-Athlete Testing:** Students who are participating in athletic competition during the semester will participate in required testing based on vaccination status and symptom presentation.

Testing for the campus community will be available for anyone who has COVID-like symptoms. To request a test, contact the Environmental Health & Safety Director or call 570-662-4906.

### **Monitoring, surveillance, and reporting**

Employees and students should self-report any COVID-like symptoms and/or exposures to individuals who have tested positive for COVID to the Environmental Health and Safety Director if they have knowingly been exposed to anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 (see the contact information at the end of this document).

An exposure is defined as being in direct contact with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 for 15 minutes or more and within six feet.

### **Quarantine/Isolation**

Mansfield University will continue to follow the CDC/PA Department of Health guidance for the quarantine and isolation of individuals who have been exposed or diagnosed with the COVID-19 virus.

Please refer to the University's Quarantine & Isolation Policy at [mansfield.edu/health](https://mansfield.edu/health) for current guidelines.

Students who are advised to quarantine or isolate due to a confirmed exposure or confirmed positive test result must return home and follow the isolation guidelines of the Pennsylvania Department of Health. Student Health Services, along with Student Living, have limited facilities for resident students who are unable to isolate or quarantine off-campus; approval of on-campus accommodations for such students will be on a case-by-case basis.

Students, staff, and faculty are not to enter university buildings while in quarantine or isolation. Students should consult with their faculty member(s) regarding the best way to stay current with assigned course work while completing the required quarantine/isolation period.

Employees who are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or exposure should contact their medical provider for diagnosis. Employees who are advised to quarantine or isolate should notify their supervisor and should not report to the workplace.

### **University Travel**

Travelers should still practice appropriate public health measures to slow the spread of COVID-19 such as masking, physical distancing, and hand washing hygiene. For details and updates, refer to the [PA DOH Guidelines](#).

As noted above, masking is still required for all individuals on public transportation (planes, buses, trains, etc.). On campus, all riders of the Mountie Shuttle and MU large vans are required to wear masks.

### **Campus Environment Modifications**

MU will continue to provide hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes and masks for use in classrooms and buildings across campus. Employees and students are urged to regularly clean shared workspaces across campus. Plexiglass partitions will remain in place in areas where there are regular face-to-face interactions.

### **Academic Calendar**

The Spring 2022 semester will begin on Monday, January 24. Classes will end on Friday, May 6. Finals Week is Monday, May 9, through Thursday, May 12. Spring Break is Monday, March 14, through Friday, March 18. Additional details and deadlines may be found in the [Spring 2022 Academic Calendar Summary](#).

### **Questions**

Contact the [Environmental Health & Safety Director](#), Jim Welch, with questions or call 570-662-4906.