Mansfield University (MU) will return to a primarily face-to-face environment for the Fall 2021 semester. While health and wellness protocols will remain in place as described in this document, MU's course offerings and residential experience will more closely reflect its traditional on-campus environment.

The university may adjust this Health and Safety Guide in response to changing conditions on campus and/or in the surrounding community. The university will continue to communicate with the campus community throughout the semester to provide updates to this COVID-19 Health and Safety Guide. COVID-19 information can be found at the MU COVID-19 Resource Page.

Vaccine Information
Mansfield University strongly encourages all members of the campus community to get vaccinated prior to the start of the fall semester. The COVID-19 vaccine is an important tool to help end the pandemic and maintain a primarily face-to-face environment for the Fall 2021 semester.

In addition, Mansfield University plans to host another on-campus vaccination clinic at the beginning of the fall semester. Information on the scheduled clinic will be available on the MU COVID-19 Resources Page.

Mask Usage
Mansfield University has revised its masking protocols in relation to CDC guidance and recommendations of the PA Department of Health. At this time, masks are optional for individuals who are fully vaccinated. Individuals who are fully vaccinated (two weeks after their final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine) may resume activities on campus without wearing a mask or physical distancing. Individuals who are fully vaccinated may, of course, wear a mask if they so choose.

Individuals who are unvaccinated or partially vaccinated are strongly encouraged to wear a mask, particularly indoors and in situations where full social distancing is not possible.

There are still some instances where masks will be required for everyone, regardless of vaccination status, until further notice:

- Anyone presenting COVID-19 symptoms should wear a mask until a negative test has been received.
- Masking is required on the Mountie Shuttle and the MU large vans. This aligns with the CDC requirement for masking on planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation.
- Masks are required before entering and while inside the MU Student Health Clinic in Spruce Hall.
Regardless of vaccination status, individuals are referred to [CDC guidance](https://www.cdc.gov) for more information about how to protect yourself and others.

Please note: The university may adjust its masking guidance 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 Fall 2021 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. Testing will also be available on campus during the first week of the semester for commuter students and employees.
- **Regular Screening**: Ongoing testing of random and targeted selections of students will occur throughout the semester.
- **Student-Athlete Testing**: Students participating in athletic competition during the semester will participate in required testing based on vaccination status and symptom presentation.
- Please note: Fully vaccinated students who show proof of vaccination are not required to test for the COVID-19 virus, as long as they are symptom free. This applies to Entry Screening, Regular Screening, and Student-Athlete Testing.

Testing for the campus community will be available for anyone who has COVID-like symptoms. Contact the [Director of Environmental Health & Safety](https://www.mansfield.edu) or call 570-662-4906 to arrange a test.

**Monitoring, surveillance, and reporting**
Employees and students should self-report any symptoms or exposures to the [Director of Environmental Health and Safety](https://www.mansfield.edu) if they have knowingly been exposed to anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

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

Fully vaccinated individuals do not have to quarantine if they have been exposed to someone who has COVID-19, as long as they remain symptom free.

Students who are advised to quarantine or isolate due to a confirmed exposure or confirmed positive test result must follow the isolation guidelines of the Pennsylvania Department of Health in an off-campus location. Student Health Services, along with Student Living, have limited resources for resident students who are unable to isolate or quarantine off-campus; approval of accommodations for such students will be made 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 not report to the workplace.

**Dining**

Individuals should follow the posted guidance at each of the university’s on-campus dining locations.

**University Travel**

Travelers should continue to 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). 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 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 Fall 2021 semester will begin on Monday, August 23. Classes will end on Friday, December 3. Finals Week is Monday, December 6, through Thursday, December 9. There will be no classes on Labor Day (September 6) and Fall/Thanksgiving Break (November 23-26). Additional details and deadlines may be found in the [Fall 2021 Academic Calendar Summary](#).

**Questions**

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