



COVID-19 HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN

2023-2024 Academic Year

Updates for the Fall 2023 sessions, Hope College of Arts & Sciences plans to continue offering primarily synchronous-asynchronous & in-person instructional environments. Health and wellness protocols will remain in place as described in this document.

The College will continue to monitor COVID-19 conditions on campus and in the surrounding community. The College will communicate with the campus community to provide any updates for the 2023-2024 Academic starting in Fall 2022 regarding COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidelines. COVID-19 information can also be found on the website: www.hcas.edu the COVID-19 Resources Link.

Please watch for emails from Hope College of Arts & Sciences about any changes that may affect plans for the Summer/Fall 2023 semester.

Vaccine Information

Hope College of Arts & Sciences strongly encourages all members of the campus community to get vaccinated. If you have been fully vaccinated, it is recommended that you receive the booster vaccination when possible. The COVID-19 vaccine is an important tool to help end the pandemic and maintain a safe face-to-face environment for the Summer and Fall 2023 semesters.

For the locations where the COVID-19 vaccine is available go to www.vaccine.gov.

Masking Guidance

Hope College of Arts & Sciences determines its masking protocols in relation to CDC guidance and recommendations of the Florida Department of Health. At this time, mask guidance is based on Broward County's COVID-19 Community Transmission Level as determined by the CDC. If Broward County is designated as **Medium or Low Level**, masks are highly recommended but will not be required for indoor spaces.

If Broward County is designated as **High Level**, masks covering the nose and mouth will be required indoors for all individuals on campus, regardless of vaccination status. Surgical masks or KN95 masks are recommended; all masks, regardless of type, should be well-fitting and cover both the nose and mouth.

Masks should also be worn if COVID-19 symptoms are present until a negative test has been received, regardless of your vaccination status.

Regardless of vaccination status, individuals are referred to CDC guidance for more information about how to protect themselves and others.

It is important to consider your personal health conditions and the health of others you are near. Masks are still strongly recommended for people who are immunocompromised or at high risk for illnesses. The College may adjust its masking guidance at any time in response to changing



conditions on campus and/or in the surrounding community. Notification will be made to the campus community via email /website of any change in the masking requirements based on the community risk level.

Student Health Services

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 Compliance Department if they have knowingly been exposed to anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

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

Hope College of Arts & Sciences 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 CDC Quarantine & Isolation Policy for current guidelines.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/easy-to-read/COVID-19Quarantine-vs-Isolation.html>

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 Florida Department of Health.

Students, staff, and faculty are not to enter College buildings while in quarantine or isolation. Student will be able to log into classes via Zoom to stay current with course work during quarantine once they receive approval from faculty or staff member(s). Students will not be allowed in clinical facilities during quarantine or 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. Instructor can request approval to teach off campus via zoom.

Campus Environment Modifications

Hope College of Arts & Sciences will continue to provide hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes and masks for use in classrooms on campus. Employees and students are urged to regularly clean shared workspaces across campus. Masks protocol will remain in place in areas where there are regular face-to-face interactions. Masks are available at the front desk upon entering the college. Questions Contact the Compliance Department Director Mr. Harold Benedicto with questions @ compliance@dp.hcas.edu or call at 954-532-9614 Ext. 421