

## **SUNY Corning Community College COVID-19 Guidance:**

**Effective May 1, 2023**

Statement from the State University of New York:

*The COVID situation has changed significantly over the last several years. As of March 2023, approximately 77.6% of 18–25-year-olds and 79.8% of 26–34-year-olds have completed their primary series vaccinations in New York State. Higher vaccination rates, natural immunity, lower rates of infection, and generally less severe variants have led to increased relaxation of mandates on the city, state, and national level. Nationally, the public health emergency is ending.*

This guidance reflects current conditions and is grounded in science to maximize the well-being of the community. The following COVID protocols are subject to change as conditions evolve and SUNY Corning Community College may impose additional COVID restrictions to comply with any additional requirements imposed by the State, SUNY, and local jurisdictions, as appropriate.

### **I. VACCINE AND BOOSTER POLICY**

- a. All students are strongly encouraged to stay up to date on their initial course of vaccinations and boosters consistent with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations. While vaccines are not required at this time as a condition of enrollment, SUNY reserves the authority to change this policy at any time because of changes in local conditions or due to requirements imposed by Federal, State or local authorities.
- b. Students enrolled in any program or course or who are participating in a clinical or internship held at a third-party location must continue to comply with all health and safety guidelines, including any vaccination or testing protocols that are in place at the third-party location. Certain employees, students, and volunteers at healthcare facilities, including SUNY healthcare facilities and hospitals, may be subject to mandatory COVID-19 vaccination requirements pursuant to relevant regulations and policies.

### **II. MASKS & SOCIAL DISTANCING**

- a. Corning Community College will continue to monitor local conditions and determine if mask mandates may need to be implemented campus-wide or for specific events or activities. This assessment will include an evaluation of federal, state or local guidance based upon COVID metrics that exist. Notifications will be made if any changes occur in these protocols.
- b. All students, faculty, and staff need to follow any masking requirements for activities or instruction delivered at a third-party location.

### III. TESTING

- a. Corning Community College, in their discretion, may implement a surveillance testing program of all individuals, regardless of vaccination status. This may include testing for certain high- risk activities.
- b. Testing is recommended for people with symptoms of COVID-19 as soon as possible after symptoms begin. Individuals with symptoms should contact their medical provider or the CCC Health Office for information regarding available testing options.
- c. Testing following an exposure and testing of people without symptoms should be performed in consultation with a clinician.

### IV. QUARANTINE & ISOLATION

- a. For situations in which isolating off campus is not possible, students may remain in their room just as with the flu, strep throat, and other illnesses. Students are encouraged to engage in protective measures per CDC recommendations to prevent the spread of illnesses to the greatest extent possible.
- b. CCC continues to strongly recommend that staff and students stay home if they feel unwell and isolate according to CDC guidelines if they test positive for COVID-19.

### V. ONGOING DATA COLLECTION

- a. Corning Community College is required by SUNY to continue to report the vaccine status of all enrolled students. Students should provide COVID vaccination information along with other immunization records to the Health Office upon admission.

### VI. COMPLIANCE

- a. Any incidents of non-compliance with any SUNY or campus protocols will be handled through the Campus Code of Conduct process for students and Human Resources for employees.