

PURCHASE COLLEGE ACADEMIC CONTINUITY PLAN

Fall 2022 Term

1. Vaccination, testing, and quarantine/isolation requirements:

a. Student Requirements:

All students:

- I. The SUNY Student COVID-19 Vaccine Policy (the "Policy") remains in effect and requires all students who will have a physical presence on campus to provide evidence of, at minimum, the initial course of COVID vaccinations. Pursuant to the Policy, students are considered fully vaccinated for the initial course of vaccination: (1) two weeks after receiving the second dose in a two dose COVID-19 vaccine series or (2) two weeks after receiving a single dose COVID-19 vaccine. The college will continue to review medical or religious exemption requests and may designate deadlines by which students should submit any requests for timely review before the semester begins. For the purposes of this policy, "students" are defined as any individual matriculated or otherwise enrolled full-time or part-time at the college, as well as visiting, auditing, exchange, continuing education, and international students taking in-person courses at Purchase College. All students are strongly encouraged to stay up to date on their vaccinations as defined by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), including obtaining any booster authorized by the FDA and recommended by the CDC for their age group. While not required at this time, SUNY reserves the authority to impose a requirement for any booster at any time as a result of changes in local conditions or as a result of requirements imposed by Federal, State or local authorities.

Medical and religious exemption requests will be reviewed by the college. Forms can be found on the Health Services website <https://www.purchase.edu/offices/health-services/>.

COVID-19 vaccination records and medical/religious exemption request forms should be uploaded to the Purchase College Health Services patient portal (Medicat) at <https://purchase.medicatconnect.com> and must be received by 8/1/2022.

Students who are not registered for in-person classes but who will utilize campus facilities in person on a limited basis must sign an attestation acknowledging understanding of such limitations.

Vaccine sites in New York State:

- o NYC [NYC COVID-19 and Flu Vaccine Finder](#)
- o STATEWIDE [COVID-19 Vaccine | COVID-19 Vaccine \(ny.gov\)](#)

Additional information:

Vaccinated students:

- Must adhere to college policies regarding masking and other mitigation measures imposed for the health and safety of the campus.
- Must notify Health Services if they have COVID-19 symptoms or are a contact of a person who tested positive for COVID-19.
- Must isolate at home or on campus if they test positive as directed below.
- Must adhere to post-exposure COVID-19 protocol (testing, masking, and monitoring for symptoms), if exposed to a positive case.
- If boosters are not up to date, must quarantine at home or on campus if exposed to a positive case. [How to Determine a Close Contact for COVID-19 | CDC](#)

Unvaccinated (exempt) students:

- Must have an approved medical or religious exemption.
- Must participate in weekly campus surveillance testing.
- Must quarantine at home or on campus if exposed to a positive case. [How to Determine a Close Contact for COVID-19 | CDC](#)
- Must isolate at home or on campus if they test positive.
- Must adhere to post-exposure COVID-19 protocol (testing, masking, and monitoring for symptoms), if exposed to a positive case.
- Must adhere to college policies regarding masking and other mitigation measures imposed for the health and safety of the campus.
- The college has the right to limit access to some areas of campus as well as some activities or events in order to ensure the health and safety of our community.
- In the event of an outbreak of COVID-19 on campus, the college reserves the right to mandate that unvaccinated students leave campus for a period of time to be determined in consultation with the Westchester County Department of Health.

b. Employee Requirements:Vaccinated with up to date boosters:

- Notify Human Resources if you experience COVID-19 symptoms and get tested.
- Must adhere to college policies regarding masking, social distancing and other mitigation measures imposed for the health and safety of the campus.
- Must isolate at home if they test positive.

Unvaccinated:

- Notify Human Resources if you experience COVID-19 symptoms and get tested.
- Must quarantine at home if exposed to a positive case.
- Must isolate at home if they test positive.
- Must comply with campus masking and social distancing policies.

c. Daily Health Screenings

In the event of increased community spread, the campus may require students, faculty, and staff to complete an electronic daily screening for COVID-19 history, exposure, and symptoms upon return to campus regardless of vaccination status.

d. Testing

The campus has adopted the national effort to utilize rapid antigen COVID-19 tests (at home tests) to equip students with the ability to receive immediate test results if they suspect they are positive for COVID-19. The campus has acquired at home tests for distribution to students via the Office of Residential and Student Life and Health Services. In addition, Health Services is equipped to provide PCR tests to students who are symptomatic.

- Pre-arrival testing requirements – proof of a negative at home rapid antigen test within 6 hours of departure from home to campus must be presented to Residential and Student Life staff upon arrival for move-in. Students who do not have proof of a negative test will be provided a kit to test before receiving clearance to move in and their keys. Commuter students must take a home test within 6 hours of arrival on campus for the first time.
 - **If positive:**
 - Stay home
 - Notify Health Services
 - Upload picture of positive test with date, time, name, and student ID number to <https://purchase.medicatconnect.com>.
 - If negative and do not have COVID-19 symptoms, proceed to campus
 - **If negative but symptomatic,**
 - Stay home and test daily while symptomatic. If still negative, stay home until symptoms clear.
- **NOTE:**
 - Testing is not required for students who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 90 days. Prior test results must be uploaded to: <https://purchase.medicatconnect.com>
 - Students moving onto campus early must follow the protocol above.
- Additional Testing:

- Unvaccinated students (those with religious, medical exemptions or not yet fully vaccinated) will be required to participate in weekly pooled PCR tests.
- Diagnostic (symptomatic) testing
 - At home rapid antigen tests will be distributed by the Office of Residential and Student Life during move-in for future student use.
 - The Office of Residential and Student Life will procure rapid at home tests to have tests available for residential and commuter students as needed during the semester. Note: All students are encouraged to acquire tests from resources listed below as we cannot guarantee that a test will always be available due to unpredictable national supply levels.
 - Health Services will make available rapid antigen and PCR (commercial lab) tests for students who are symptomatic and or in reference to an exposure as per CDC exposure definition. [How to Determine a Close Contact for COVID-19 | CDC](#)
- Additional Testing Resources for Staff and Students
 - **Order free tests** at [COVIDtests.govexternal icon](#). Free tests are also available through [local health departments](#). Community members may also buy tests online or in pharmacies and retail stores. Private health insurance may reimburse the cost of purchasing self-tests. Visit [the FDA's website](#) for a list of authorized tests.

E. **Outbreak Response and Contact Tracing**

Commuter students who report being positive for COVID-19 will be required to isolate at home for 5 days. Residential students who report being positive for COVID-19 will be required to isolate on campus or return home for 5 days. There will be 43 units with bathrooms kept off-line to accommodate isolation/ quarantine needs.

Health Services staff will conduct tracing in an effort to provide an early intervention. Identified student contacts of a positive individual will be tested at Health Services or off-campus. In addition, unvaccinated students or students who are not up to date with their booster shots identified by contact tracing will be mandated to quarantine for 5 days while monitoring for symptoms. Specific student protocols for isolation/quarantine on campus are in place. Health Service staff will attend to the medical monitoring of isolated/quarantined students to the best of their ability via telehealth modalities. Case management of these students will be conducted through the collaboration of campus staff. Release from isolation/ quarantine will be determined by Health Services, guided by the current protocols of the Westchester County Department of Health

Faculty/staff who contract COVID-19 (regardless of vaccination status) will isolate for 5 days at home and should be monitored by their primary care providers. Unvaccinated faculty/staff who are exposed (per the CDC exposure definition) to a positive case will quarantine at home and should be monitored by their primary care providers. In addition, Human Resources will inform employees who have been identified as contacts of a positive individual to test following

exposure. Additional guidance may be provided by the DOH. Human Resources will specify return to work requirements. Return to work decisions will be guided by the CDC, New York State Department of Health, and the employee's local Department of Health on the timing of return to campus.

NOTE:

- Quarantine and isolation rooms/baths will be designated in Building number 45.
- Students in single rooms in apartments may be permitted to isolate/quarantine in their own rooms. These situations will be decided on an individual basis by Health Services and the Quarantine Coordinator.
- All notification of students exposed to a person with COVID-19 will be via Purchase email

2. Mode of Instruction

a. Fall 2022 term instruction will begin as scheduled on August 29, 2022 for both in-person and remote courses.

b. Instructional Protocols to mitigate the spread of COVID-19:

Fall semester instruction will use both in-person and synchronous and asynchronous remote instructional modes. Approximately 96% of our fall courses will be offered through partial or full face-to-face instruction in traditional classrooms, while approximately 4% of our courses will be offered fully remotely in virtual classrooms.

In supporting in-person and remote instruction in the Fall 2022 term, the college will continue to:

- Offer select courses in dual delivery modality (courses with synchronous in-person and remote).
- Continue to offer training for faculty in remote delivery of course content.
- Supply adequate training for staff members who support academic areas in remote course design and delivery.
- With regard to remote instruction, deployment of a remote delivery model must include a balance between synchronous and asynchronous instruction modes, appropriate for each course.
- Academic Internships will be offered through in-person, remote, or hybrid modalities, depending on the nature of the experience. Career Development professional staff will work with students to search for experiences that can best suit their academic, career interests, and needs. Career Development will also continue to work with internship sites on developing opportunities that can strengthen students' applied learning with high-impact opportunities. Purchase students are made aware of any risks regarding potential exposure at the workplace, and may be asked to adhere to specific internship site safety protocol including vaccination requirements and/or mask wearing. If a student does contract COVID-19 and is enrolled in face-to-face classes or is registered for an in-person internship, they will be offered an individualized study plan to recover their internship hours and/or credits. If a student enrolled in face-to-face -classes or an in-person internship and is quarantined due to symptoms of

COVID-19, they will likewise be given an individualized alternate study plan to make up work they cannot undertake in-person.

c. Operational Activity and Campus Pause

In the event that pandemic conditions worsen to the extent that all students must return to remote learning at some point during the semester, faculty will work quickly to adjust the mode of delivery, the balance of course lesson plans, and course requirements. Instructional time for these classes may be extended by one week at the end of the semester if necessary. In the event that the campus reaches an unmanageable COVID-19 positivity rate, programs will transition to remote course delivery. Residential and in-person students, on campus employees, and contractors are considered in calculating the campus positivity rate.

In some cases, soft pauses may be enacted for individual academic programs areas, also using the 5% positivity rate metric. The campus will be guided by the directives of the New York State Department of Health and the Westchester Department of Health regarding operational activity in the event of rising transmission rates. Students will be notified of campus expectations in the event of a mandatory pause prior to the beginning of the semester.

d. Residence Hall Closures

The closure of campus residence halls falls under the purview of the President and the President's Cabinet. Upon notification of a closure, the Office of Residential and Student Life will work with both the Campus Emergency Response Team and Crisis Communications team to provide guidance to students affected by the disruption. Students will be provided with a minimum of 48 hours to vacate the campus. In some cases, students will be allowed to store personal items on campus. Students will be notified of the closure via telephone, text, and email. The correspondence will contain timelines, checkout instructions, and emergency housing opportunities.

Campus Dining and Shuttle services may also be affected. Dining will make every effort to maintain services. If staffing is impacted dining may have to adjust hours of operation and/or services. An increase in cases may result in a requirement to wear mask on the bus and/or a reduction in rider capacity if required by Local, State or Federal transportation oversight agencies.

e. Remote Instruction

The faculty and support staff, in collaboration with the governance processes, will work to ensure that all courses offered through remote instruction meet or exceed expectations of regular and substantive interaction. The college will continue to assist students with access to devices and internet connectivity in order for students to be successful with remote instruction.

- i. Fall 2022 course sections offered at Purchase College are clearly marked and searchable by whether they are in-person or remote. Remote classes are also distinguished as to whether they are online-synchronous, online-asynchronous, or online-combined, and students can search courses by those formats.
- ii. Courses will provide for the opportunity for substantive interactions with the student on a predictable and regular basis commensurate with both the length of time, and the amount

of content, in the course or competency. Faculty will also monitor the student's academic engagement.

iii. International students at Purchase have returned to their fully in-person status, which will continue in Fall 2022. However, if conditions due to COVID-19 worsen and require some international students to complete Fall 2022 coursework from other time zones, Office for Global Education staff will work with students and faculty teaching the courses in which they are enrolled in order to make reasonable accommodations where necessary and within the bounds of curricular requirements in order to account for time differences.

1. Substantive Interaction: The College will engage students in teaching, learning, and assessment, consistent with the content under discussion via Zoom sessions for synchronous and combined sections, VoiceThread, or other presentations for asynchronous or combined sections, and through Moodle Lesson activities.

a) Provision of direct instruction Zoom sessions for synchronous and combined sections, VoiceThread, or other presentations for asynchronous or combined sections, and through Moodle Lesson activities.

b) Assessment and / or the provision of feedback on a student's coursework

This is provided through Moodle assignments, Turnitin assignments, and Mahara ePortfolios.

c) Provision of information and / or responding to questions about the content of a course or competency

This is provided through Moodle page resources, Moodle messaging system, course forums, email correspondence, etc.

d) Facilitation of group discussions regarding the content of a course or competency

This is provided through Zoom sessions, Zoom breakout rooms, Moodle discussion forums, etc.

e) Other instructional activities approved by the institution's/program's accrediting agency.

Varied tools are available to provide the above.

iv. Purchase's Office of Disability Resources works with faculty on all accommodations for remote and in-person classes, and both this office and the college's Teaching Learning and Technology Center provide faculty self-serve help guides on extended quiz time and other accommodation practices for the remote setting. Purchase faculty take advantage of captioning resources, and provide extended time on Moodle quizzes/tests, as well as other accommodations that can be provided remotely. Additionally, the Office of Disability Resources and Director of Digital Accessibility perform outreach to faculty members whose courses have students with digital accessibility needs. This outreach and the subsequent

training are done to ensure that all digital documents in these classes are accessible to the student(s) in question and improved universal design for all of the learners in the course. Reminder e-mails are sent from the Office of Disability Resources to faculty and students regarding the standard process for requesting academic accommodations, as well as any changes to office policies and procedures or technologies available in the online and in-person environments.

- v. Faculty advisors within academic programs and advisors working in the college's Advising Center have resumed normal pre-COVID operations while maintaining the greatest amount of accessibility through a combination of phone, email, remote, and in-person advising interactions.
- vi. Purchase College utilizes no-cost instructional support workshops offered by SUNY.

3. Academic Calendar

A. Fall Term Start Dates

The Fall 2022 semester will begin on August 29th for all students. There are currently no planned delays and no staggered start dates for in-person and remote courses. All courses will conclude on December 16th, barring any unforeseen extension of operations due to a health or other emergency.

4. On-campus Activities

a. Federal, State, and Local Guidance

All in-person activities will continue to follow the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) applicable guidance for social distancing as well as the strictures of the approved campus reopening plan.

The facilities department will continue to assess and confirm that all cleaning protocols follow NYSDOH Higher Education Guidance and CDC guidance (Interim Guidance for Higher Education during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, Schools, and Homes). See:

[Office of Facilities Management - COVID Procedures](#)

b. Face Coverings and Social Distancing

Mask and social distancing requirements will follow the current CDC and local Department of Health recommendations, according to the existing metrics outlined by those constituencies. We have aligned our face covering protocol with CDC guidance on masking based on community metrics regarding the number of new cases, new hospital admissions, and the number of COVID-19 patients hospitalized. As the COVID level changes in Westchester, masking requirements may

be adjusted. If the guidance or case levels require the college to impose additional policy changes, the updates will be clearly communicated to the campus community.

Campus Mask Policy Link:

[COVID-19 Updates and Plans • COVID-19 Updates and Plans • Purchase College](#)

c. Compliance

Students are expected to continue to monitor the COVID-19 specific campus guidelines/policies and comply as requested. Students who are not in compliance with college policies and/or the Student Code of Conduct will be referred to the Office of Community Standards. Disciplinary actions may be taken by the Office of Community Standards. Student conduct is governed by the [Student Code of Conduct](#).

The following actions will result in a disciplinary referral to the Office of Community Standards for further action under the Student Code of Conduct:

- Failure to follow the campus housing guest policy
- Failure to report a COVID-19 positive test result or the exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19
- Failure to properly quarantine or isolate when directed by the college or local health department
- Failure to follow the college's face covering/mask wearing and/or social distancing requirements
- Failure to attend pool testing appointments

d. Mental Health Support, Services and Referrals

The [Counseling Center](#) at Purchase offers all students mental health support, crisis intervention, treatment options, [Campus Advocacy Services](#), Behavioral Health services, and [referrals](#). [BIPOC self-help and therapy resources](#) offer information, groups, and mental health providers. Resources are available to all with a Purchase College email address, including:

- Self-help tools in [TAO](#) for mental health practice and mindfulness exercises
- An online referral data base for searching private practitioners: [Thriving Campus](#)
- Wellness lifestyle resources and [support information](#).

Additional online resources for all SUNY students:

ReachOut SUNY: <https://online.suny.edu/covid19/students/local-state-and-national-resources/>.

Middle Earth peer support line from the University at Albany:
<https://www.albany.edu/counselingcenter/middle-earth.php>.

5. Reporting

The campus has developed a protocol and assigned staff to report daily COVID-related information to the SUNY COVID-19 Tracker in accordance with guidelines set forth by SUNY

The Provost's office reports instructional modalities to SUNY System Administration, as a continuation of reporting procedures that have been enacted, periodic statistical summaries of the distribution of instruction will be reported as required.

6. Communications

The campus will disseminate clear, plain language notices to the campus community (students, faculty, and staff) via Purchase College email and the college's website, which the community is directed to check daily. The website will contain campus positivity rates and the most up to date information regarding college policies, surveillance testing requirements, and mandatory quarantine and isolation protocols.