

Dear Students,

The College has updated Coronavirus Guidelines effective July 1, 2021. This policy has been amended to align with the guidance dated June 17, 2021, as published by the NH Division of Public Health Services, Bureau of Infectious Disease Control.

The revised policy eliminates the need for daily COVID-19 symptom monitoring/screening and makes the wearing of face coverings for students, employees and those visiting campus optional. Please respect the decision of others to continue to self-monitor/screen for symptoms and/or to wear a face covering. Such decisions are personal and not indicative of illness, vaccination status, or any other such consideration.

Should you have any questions regarding the updated Coronavirus Policies please do not hesitate to contact me or Brittanie Mulkigian or Brian Scott in Student Life.

In alignment with guidance established by the NH Division of Public Health, Bureau of Infectious Disease Control, the following practices will be effective July 1, 2021, for all Great Bay Students.

Vaccination Against COVID-19

GBCC encourages students to vaccinate against the coronavirus. Receiving the COVID-19 vaccine will help protect you against exposure. There are currently three different COVID-19 vaccines authorized for use in the U.S., including the Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, and Johnson and Johnson (J&J) Janssen vaccines. An individual is considered “fully vaccinated” when they are at least 14 days beyond completion of the recommended COVID-19 vaccine series.

Students Diagnosed with COVID-19

1. Students are expected to promptly report to the Office of the Vice President of Student Success & Enrollment Management upon receiving notice that they have been diagnosed as a confirmed case of COVID-19. Reports should be made by email to: gbcovid19@ccsnh.edu. Students diagnosed with COVID-19 are prohibited from participating in on-site coursework and ***may not come to campus until such time as the requirements below have been met.*** In accordance with the NH Division of Public Health Bureau of Infectious Disease Control, the following requirements shall apply:
 - a. Students who have symptoms of COVID-19 and a positive COVID-19 test must self-isolate until 10 days have passed since symptom onset, and at least 24 hours have passed since fever-free without the use of fever-reducing medications, and other symptoms have improved.
 - b. Students who do not have symptoms of COVID-19 but have a positive COVID-19 test must self-isolate until 10 days have passed since the date of collection of your positive COVID-19 test and are symptom free. The student should still self-observe for symptoms of COVID-19.
2. It is imperative that you keep an open line of communication with your instructors and that you regularly log into Canvas for each of your courses. Students, who are subject to quarantine *may* be approved to complete coursework remotely. Such determination will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and approved at the sole discretion of your instructor.
3. Return to Class After Testing Positive for COVID-19: Students who tested positive for COVID-19 and developed symptoms may return to on-site coursework under these conditions (1) at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first started; (2) at least 24 hours have passed since their last fever, without using fever-reducing medication; and (3) symptoms have improved. Students who tested positive for COVID-19 and who never developed symptoms may return to on-site work 10 days after their first positive test.

C. Students Exposed to COVID-19

1. Students who are unvaccinated and report household contact to someone diagnosed with COVID-19 are prohibited from attending on-site coursework. In accordance with the NH Division of Public Health Bureau of Infectious Disease Control, the following requirement shall apply.
 - a. Students must self-quarantine for 10 days from the date of their last contact/exposure with the household member with COVID-19 while they are considered infectious (within their 10-day isolation period). The student may begin their 10-day quarantine period sooner if the student can avoid ongoing close contact within the household. Provided that the student does not develop symptoms of COVID-19, the quarantine period may end their quarantine and report for on-site coursework after 10 days.
2. Return to on-site coursework After an Exposure to COVID-19: Unvaccinated employees who report close contact to a household member with COVID-19 may return to onsite work when at least 10 days have passed from their last exposure to a person infectious with COVID-19.

Safe Practices for Students Attending On-site

1. Symptom Monitoring/Screening – The daily COVID-19 symptom monitoring/screening for students attending onsite is no longer required. Students may elect to self-monitor/screen for COVID-19 symptoms, if they so choose.

Students who elect to self-screen are not required to report their screening results. Students who are experiencing symptoms, such as those associated with the flu or common cold, are expected to stay home or leave class when attending on-site until they are free of fever, without using a fever-reducing or other symptom altering medication (e.g., Tylenol, cough suppressants) for at least 24 hours and their symptoms have improved.

2. Face Coverings – The wearing of face coverings is optional and not required. Students are free to wear a face covering in the workplace if they so choose. Individual masking choices should not be interpreted as an indicator of vaccinated/non-vaccinated status. CDC guidance on the use of cloth face coverings is available at <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/covid19/covid-mask-guidance.pdf>.
3. Physical Distancing – Students are encouraged to maintain appropriate social/physical distancing of at least 6 feet (2 arms' lengths) or at least 3 feet (in classroom settings) from other people while in on campus.
4. Campus Layout – Most spaces serving students shall be arranged, where possible, to allow for at least 6 feet of social/physical distancing for learning activities and the flow/movement of individuals throughout the institution. Although 6 feet apart is desired, it may not be achievable given space size or layout.
 - a. Consistent with the NH Department of Education K-12 Back-to-School Guidance, college classrooms may be arranged so that, where possible, students are spaced at least 3 feet apart with a goal of attempting to get chairs/desks 6 feet apart. Although 6 feet apart is desired, it may not be achievable given classroom size and layout. Chairs/desks should be arranged to avoid students sitting in groups.
4. Handwashing – Students are strongly encouraged to practice good hand hygiene. Students should wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after they have been in a public

place, handled materials, equipment, or other items recently touched by others, after blowing their nose, coughing, sneezing, or touching their face. If soap and water are not readily available, a hand sanitizer that contains 60% alcohol should be used. Please review the NH Division of Public Health's guidance on handwashing at <https://www.nh.gov/covid19/resources-guidance/documents/hands-kids.pdf>.

5. Respiratory Etiquette – Students are strongly encouraged to practice good respiratory etiquette, which includes coughing and sneezing into a tissue or your elbow rather than your hands. Handwashing immediately after coughing or sneezing is strongly encouraged. Please review the CDC's guidance on how to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19 at <https://www.nh.gov/covid19/resources-guidance/documents/stop-the-spread.pdf>.
6. Contact Tracing – GBCC will continue to implement contact tracing based on the CDC's and NH DPHS Bureau of Infectious Disease Control guidelines.
7. Cleaning and Disinfection – Workspaces and classrooms will continue to be cleaned based on the CDC's guidelines.

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