



# Webb's Fall 2022 COVID-19 Policy

## Introduction:

Webb Institute (“Webb”) is committed to maintaining a safe and healthy educational, living, and working environment. To this end, to minimize the risks of exposure to COVID-19 for the members of our community, Webb is requiring that all students be vaccinated against COVID-19 and recommending that students also receive the COVID-19 booster. Medical or religious waivers may be requested via Webb’s Office of Admissions and Student Affairs. Webb is also implementing the protocols set forth below. Please remember that all community members must do their part to keep the Webb community healthy and safe.

## Pre-Arrival & Move-In COVID-19 Testing Protocols:

-All students\* are to move onto campus on the date indicated below. Those requesting to move onto campus on a different date are required to receive written approval from the Office of Admissions and Student Affairs.

-[STCW participants](#) - Sunday, August 14

-[Orientation Leaders & approved Leadership Week participants](#) – Monday, August 15

-[Members of the Class of 2026](#) – Tuesday, August 16

-[All other Webbies](#) – Sunday, August 21

\*Exception: The following students are not permitted to move onto campus until cleared by the Office of Admissions & Student Affairs:

-Students displaying symptoms of COVID-19

-Students who test positive for COVID-19 on or in the ten days leading up to their designated Move-In Day

-All students, except for students who tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 90 days, shall receive a negative COVID-19 test prior to arriving to campus at their cost. Student can choose to obtain a PCR test within the three days prior to arriving to campus or an antigen test (i.e., Rapid Diagnostic Test) within 24 hours prior to arriving to campus. A self-administered antigen test is acceptable.

-All student must complete [Webb’s Fall 2022 COVID-19 Pre-Arrival Form](#) prior to moving onto campus. If applicable, it is the student’s responsibility to ensure that the COVID-19 test result is negative, that the test was given within the timeframe outlined above, and that the form is submitted. For self-administered tests, your name and the date and time of the test should be written and visible in the photo uploaded to the form. If a student submits the form and, if applicable, tested negative, they are automatically approved to move onto campus. If the student has any questions or cannot complete the above testing protocols, it is their responsibility to reach out to the Office of Admissions & Student Affairs to discuss their situation further prior to coming on campus. If requirements are not met prior to a student’s arrival on campus, they will be required to leave campus and reschedule their arrival date.

-All students may be tested again within a week of moving onto campus and throughout the semester when warranted by local or on-campus COVID conditions.

## Protocol for Initial Days on Campus:

Webb’s goal is to begin in-person instruction on the first day of classes (August 22). Faculty members may request that students wear face coverings while in the class. Students who exhibit any symptoms of COVID-19 are to remain in their dorm room and call the Office of Admissions and Student Affairs / on-call phone (516.776.7278) to arrange for a COVID-19 test.

## Quarantine / Isolation Protocols:

### Students who test positive:

-Students who test positive for COVID-19 will be required to isolate for a at least 5 complete days, with Day 0 being the date their symptoms started, or the date of their positive COVID-19 test if asymptomatic. Isolation ends after 5

full days if the student is fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and other symptoms have improved. After leaving isolation, students are to continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days and are to eat meals outdoors or in their dorm room.

- Students who are in isolation are to remain in their assigned isolation room, except to use their designated restroom or to go outside (if possible to always remain 10 feet from others). Other students or guests are not permitted to enter their room.
- Isolation spaces may include rooms in Alumni Gymnasium, Robinson, Luckenbach (with the use of showers in Alumni Gymnasium), the front hallway of Motley Hall (with the use of restrooms in Alumni Gymnasium), or the room designated for medical use in Stevenson Taylor Hall.
- COVID-positive students within 200 miles from campus may be asked to isolate off-campus.
- COVID-positive students are responsible for reaching out to their professors, the Office of Admissions and Student Affairs (if testing is not conducted via the Office) and any other relevant staff members as soon as practical to discuss options and next steps regarding classes and other responsibilities over the isolation period (i.e., transition to remote classes when possible, make-up work, etc.)

#### **Close Contacts of a COVID-19-Positive Person:**

- Close contacts of students who test positive for COVID-19 are to wear a mask at all times when in any on-campus buildings for 10 days. Meals are, therefore, to be eaten outdoors or in their dorm room.
- Close contacts are to reach out to the Office of Admissions and Student Affairs / “on call phone” immediately if they begin to exhibit any symptoms of COVID-19 to arrange for a COVID-19 test. Students who exhibit symptoms but test negative, may be asked to quarantine or to test again the following day.
- Close contacts who are not exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 will be tested on day 5, with day 0 being their date of exposure, or more frequently if deemed necessary by the Monitoring and Oversight Committee.

#### **Visitor Protocols:**

- Visitors are permitted on-campus and in buildings. It is the responsibility of the host to ensure that guests are not exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19. It is recommended that all guests self-test for COVID-19 prior to entering any Webb campus buildings. Webb will not provide COVID-19 tests to student guests.

#### **Disciplinary Action:**

- Those who do not follow the protocols above may be referred to the Dean for disciplinary action per “Webb’s Student Discipline Procedures.” Students arriving to campus without following Webb’s pre-arrival protocols and students not following Webb’s COVID-19 policies will be required to leave campus at their expense until after Webb’s disciplinary process is completed.

This policy may be amended when CDC or New York State changes guidance, when law requires, and otherwise when determined appropriate by the Monitoring Oversight Committee.