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HAMPTON UNIVERSITY COVID-19 UPDATES

Dear Faculty, Staff and Students,

This correspondence serves as an update on the University's COVID-19 protocols. The university will no longer require face coverings and will not conduct surveillance testing and monthly testing. Those who have an approved exemption from the University for the COVID-19 vaccination are no longer required to:

- wear face coverings/masks
- maintain social distance
- test weekly
- complete the daily health questionnaire via the LiveSafe App

Hampton University remains open to visitors. Currently, visitors, guests, faculty, staff and students must be fully up to date on the COVID – 19 vaccination which includes the primary series and booster or one bivalent booster and have the COVID 19 vaccination card available to present upon request. Hampton University remains committed to keeping the campus community safe and healthy and will continue to monitor the impact of COVID – 19 on our campus.

Effective July 01, 2023, the COVID-19 lab will be housed in the Health Center. Testing for symptomatic students is available at the Hampton University Health Center located at 132 William R. Harvey Way. Please email HUCOVID19Clinic@hamptonu.edu to schedule a test or call 757-728-4820. Symptomatic students may call the health center at (757) 727-5315 to schedule an appointment for COVID-19 testing during normal business hours, Monday-Friday from 8:00am -5:00pm. The Health Center does not provide testing for asymptomatic faculty, staff, or students. Symptomatic faculty and staff should follow up with their health care provider.

Please adhere to the following guidance if any member of the campus community tests positive for COVID -19.

1. Monitor his/her health and seek medical care or evaluation from a health care provider if faculty/staff and from the Student Health Center if a student currently enrolled.
2. Staff should notify their immediate supervisor and the Office of Human Resources at hroffice@hamptonu.edu. Faculty and 12-month academic employees should notify the Office of the Provost at provostoffice@hamptonu.edu. If an employee has tested positive, he/she should provide his/her name, HUID #, a working telephone number, department location, the test date, and the date he/she received a positive test result by emailing the COVID lab at HUCOVID19Clinic@hamptonu.edu. Contact tracing will be implemented to determine who should test and quarantine. Health Center personnel will notify the employee of the date to return to campus. The Health Center will notify students of the date to return to a normal campus routine.
3. If a faculty/staff member is asymptomatic or symptomatic and has received all COVID-19 vaccines, including the booster, one must isolate for 5 days. One may return to campus on day 6 without symptoms and fever-free for 24 hours without fever reducing medications. Upon return to campus, he/she must continue to monitor for COVID-19 symptoms and continue to wear a properly fitted face covering/mask for an additional 5 days.
4. If a faculty/staff member is asymptomatic or symptomatic and has not received COVID-19 vaccinations, including the booster, one must isolate for 10 days. One may return to campus on day 11 after the isolation period has ended -- **only if** he/she is fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication and exhibits no symptoms of COVID-19 nor other signs of illness. The loss of taste and smell might persist for weeks or months. These particular symptoms should not delay the end of isolation.

Employees who test positive will isolate away from campus. Students who live on-campus who test positive will isolate at the Hampton University, off-campus Religious Studies Center (RSC). Students who reside off-campus may isolate in their respective residence or at RSC. The University will provide all meals for students who isolate or quarantine at RSC. All students will receive instructional support during isolation or quarantine.

Please adhere to the following guidance if one is exposed to or have been in close contact with a person who tests positive for COVID-19.

1. Monitor their health and seek medical care or evaluation from a health care provider if faculty/staff and from the Student Health Center if a student currently enrolled.
2. Notify their immediate supervisor and the Office of Human Resources at hroffice@hamptonu.edu. Faculty and 12-month academic employees should notify the Office of the Provost at provostoffice@hamptonu.edu. Faculty and staff should send an email to HUCOVID19Clinic@hamptonu.edu. The Health Center personnel will notify the employee of the date to return to campus. The Student Health Center will notify students of the date to return to class.
3. If an individual is asymptomatic and has received all COVID-19 vaccines, including the booster, no quarantine is necessary. One may report to campus. Please continue to monitor for COVID-19 symptoms, and continue to wear a properly fitted face covering/mask for an additional 5 days.
4. And who is symptomatic, regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status, must be tested for COVID-19 at least 5 days after exposure. If you test positive, the isolation guidance above should be followed. If you test negative, the health care provider will determine your need for quarantine based on your symptoms. Quarantine may end after day 5 and you may return to campus on day 6, if there are no symptoms.

Close contact is defined as being within 6 feet of a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or longer over a 24-hour period or having exposure to respiratory secretion and in close contact with other persons (e.g., being coughed or sneezed on, sharing a drinking glass or utensils, kissing) who have COVID-19.

If you have any questions, please forward an email to HUCOVID19Clinic@hamptonu.edu or call (757) 728-4820 or (757) 727-5315.

Policies are subject to modification at any time and will be based on the overall health and safety of the university community. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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