

# Fall Semester 2022 COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

## Safety Protocols

### 1. What safety protocols are required or recommended?

**A:** We strongly encourage everyone to get fully vaccinated and boosted against COVID-19 to protect against serious illness, hospitalization, and death. Find a vaccine [here](#).

We welcome and support mask wearing, though we do not require it of everyone on campus. If you are exposed to COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status, you should wear a mask in public for ten days after the date of exposure. If [COVID Community Levels](#) become high, we will consider implementing a campus-wide mask mandate.

Classes are scheduled with 30 minutes between them to support multiple air exchanges in rooms. We have improved HVAC systems and filters. Facilities Management cleans the campus daily.

#### **Follow all CDC guidance:**

[How to Protect Yourself and Others](#)

[What to Do If You Were Exposed to COVID-19](#)

[What to Do If You Test Positive](#)

[What to Do If You Are Sick](#)

Campus clinical settings, such as dental clinics, nursing, etc., may be subject to requirements that differ from Normandale's campus requirements. Please consult current program, licensure, and accreditation requirements for the latest safety guidelines or requirements.

## Class Modalities and Schedules

### 2. Q: What does the Fall 2022 class schedule look like?

**A:** We offer a variety of course delivery options to meet students' needs and respond to changes in student demand and enrollment trends. In Fall, 2022, approximately half of classes will be fully online, and half will be either face-to-face or hybrid.

## Student Support

### 3. Q: Is there any help available for students whose financial situation has been affected by the pandemic?

**A:** Grants of up to \$500 are available to students whose finances have been impacted by the pandemic. The application is available on the [emergency grant webpage](#).

### 4. Q: Is there food assistance available on campus?

**A:** Yes, the Campus Cupboard offers a variety of food – non-perishable, perishable, and ready-made meals. Hygiene products are also available. The [Campus Cupboard](#) is [located in A 1565 near the Fitness Center](#).

**5. Q: Where can I find additional information?**

**A:** The [Student Portal](#) is a great resource to find key links to all of the student service areas and timely announcements. The Student Services website is also a great resource to find answers to key questions you have. Also, be sure to regularly check your Normandale student email.

## Campus Operations and Work Schedules

**6. What are the campus building and service hours?**

**A:** We have resumed normal building and in-person service hours, and we also offer many services virtually. See the FY23 building hours calendar [here](#). Find departmental service hours on the Normandale public [website](#). The college is open to the public.

## COVID-19 Guidance and Reporting

**7. What if I have been exposed to COVID, have COVID symptoms, or test positive?**

**A: If you are a student**, please contact Jason Cardinal, Dean of Students ([DOS@normandale.edu](mailto:DOS@normandale.edu)). Jason will gather all relevant information, provide guidance on quarantining, testing or other; conduct contact tracing as needed; and monitor for campus clusters that may require further mitigation.

Please do not impose quarantines or other steps outside of the contact tracing process. If notification is required, the Dean of Students will make the necessary follow-up communications to class members or others. Normandale adheres to MDH protocols as well as confidentiality requirements in conducting contact tracing and ensuring that all appropriate communications and guidance will occur.

**If you are an employee**, you will notify HR ([HR@Normandale.edu](mailto:HR@Normandale.edu)) and your supervisor. HR will provide guidance on quarantining, testing, and other concerns. They will also conduct contact tracing as needed, and monitor for campus clusters that may require further mitigation. Your supervisor will adjust work schedules and locations as possible.

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[What to Do If You Test Positive](#)

[What to Do If You Are Sick](#)

## Vaccination and Testing

**8. Is there a vaccine and testing requirement for employees and vendors?**

**A:** Not at this time.

**9. How can I get vaccinated?**

**A.** We strongly encourage everyone to get fully vaccinated and boosted [against COVID-19](#). Find a community vaccination site [here](#) or contact your health care provider to make a vaccination appointment.

**10. How can I get tested?**

**A.** You may order free at-home tests from the [state of Minnesota](#) or from the [Federal government](#). You may also contact your health care provider to get tested or go to a [testing site](#) in Minnesota. Your health insurance company may cover or reimburse the cost of at-home over-the-counter tests. See details [here](#). The Bloomington community testing site is located near campus:

**Bloomington Community Testing Site (Former DMV Location)**

9930 Logan Avenue South

Monday - Friday 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

To schedule an appointment: [mncovidtestingappt.as.me](https://mncovidtestingappt.as.me)