

# COVID-19 FAQs

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**1. What is the status of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency?**

**A:** The Federal Department of Health and Human Services declared that the Public Health Emergency for COVID-19 ended May 11, 2023.

**2. What safety protocols are still recommended?**

**A:** Recommendations include being fully vaccinated and boosted against COVID-19, testing and mask-wearing when sick or exposed, following isolation recommendations, and avoiding contact with people with suspected or confirmed COVID-19.

**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](#)

**3. 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.

**4. 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](#).

**5. What if an employee or student is exposed to COVID, has COVID symptoms, or tests positive?**

**A:** The college recommends individuals follow the CDC guidance listed in answer #2 related to mask-wearing and isolation.

The college no longer requires employees or students to report a positive COVID-19 test result to Human Resources or to the Dean of Students. Employees should work with their supervisor and students should work with instructors if their illness or isolation will impact their work or classes.