

## COVID-19 Procedures for CHHS Students and Employees

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- *On July 11, 2022, Governor Pritzker issued Executive Order 2022-16, which repeals the section of previous Executive Orders regarding COVID-19 vaccinations and testing requirements for higher education. GSU strongly encourages all students and employees to be fully vaccinated, and to stay up-to-date with all applicable boosters. However, GSU will not require vaccination or testing for COVID-19, except for the Family Development Center, which remains subject to additional regulations.*

As health and human services professionals, we all have an ethical imperative to behave professionally and comply with all laws and regulations. **Respect the policies and procedures** we have put in place for the health and well-being of our whole campus community. It is everyone's responsibility to **promote and maintain a culture of healthy practices and compliance** with public health, university, college, and department policies. **Reach out** for help, guidance, and information. See resources and updates on the GSU COVID-19 website <http://www.govst.edu/COVID-19>.

### When required in classrooms (under Precaution Levels Yellow and Red)

- **Wear a mask over your nose and mouth.** Only remove when actively eating and drinking. Keep a distance from others while your mask is removed.
- **Wash your hands** and use hand sanitizer frequently.

Proper mask wearing is crucial for safe gathering in groups. Defiant or disrespectful behavior regarding mask wearing is unprofessional and unethical, and can be grounds for disciplinary action, including dismissal from the program.

### When participating in field experiences, internships, practicums, etc. off campus

**Comply with all requirements at the host site.** Note that a majority of host sites require vaccination and/or testing for COVID-19, and will not accept students who are not vaccinated, even if they have medical or religious exemptions at the university. Programs may not be able to arrange field experiences for unvaccinated students.

### If you are sick

**Do not come to campus or a field site if you are ill with any contagious disease, especially COVID-19.** Stay away from others and do not come to campus until you have received a medical diagnosis and are clear to return in accordance with your physician's recommendations and current CDC Guidelines for isolation and quarantine <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

- Do not come to the GSU SHIELD COVID-19 Test Collection Site if you are ill or experiencing symptoms of COVID-19.
- Self-report to the university and to any field site to which you are assigned to work.



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### If you have been exposed

**Do not come to campus or a field site if you have been exposed to COVID-19.** Stay away from others and do not come to campus until you have received a medical diagnosis and are clear to return to campus in accordance with current CDC Guidelines <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>. Contact your instructors and field site supervisors to let them know you have been exposed and will not be attending until cleared.

### If you have symptoms

**Self-screen for symptoms of illness** every day before coming to campus. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, stay away from others and do not come to campus until you have received a medical diagnosis and are clear to return to campus in accordance with your physician's recommendations and current CDC Guidelines for isolation and quarantine <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>. (Do not come to the GSU SHIELD COVID-19 Test Collection Site if you are ill or experiencing symptoms of COVID-19.)

### If you are not vaccinated for COVID-19

**Get fully vaccinated and boosted** as soon as you are eligible.