



**2022-2023  
COVID-19 Campus Health and Safety Plan  
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*The Seton Hill University 2022-23 Campus Health and Safety Plan provides key stakeholders with the university's strategies to continue on-campus work, face-to-face classes and residential living for the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. This document includes the planning currently in place to prioritize a healthy, safe and vibrant learning, living and work environment for Seton Hill students and employees.*

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## **I. INTRODUCTION**

This document represents Seton Hill University's current Health and Safety plans for the 2022-23 academic year as we offer a more normal campus experience for all students, faculty and staff during the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. Seton Hill's plan is based on evolving guidance and is subject to change.

This plan balances the university's concern for the health, safety and well-being of the entire Seton Hill campus community with our mission of providing our students with a Catholic, liberal arts education complemented by professional preparation in a vibrant learning and living environment.

## **II. 2022-2023 UNIVERSITY OPERATIONS**

Seton Hill University expects to continue near normal operations for the 2022-23 academic year while following health and safety protocols and mitigation efforts as the effects of the pandemic continue to evolve.

### **A. Academic Calendar**

Seton Hill University expects to operate under its traditional academic calendar for 2022-23 with regular start and end times for semesters, traditional final exam schedules and normal break periods.

### **B. Classroom Space**

Classrooms will operate at near normal capacities while allowing for healthy distancing between seats. Faculty will be asked to complete seating charts for each of their classes to assist with contact tracing efforts as needed.

### **C. Dining Services**

Lowe Dining Hall will continue at near normal capacity while also allowing for approximately 2 to 3 feet of distancing between seats and tables. The Lowe-to-Go Food Truck will continue to operate during the 2022-23 academic year. The Cove will continue to accept mobile orders through the Sidekick app to minimize traffic and wait times.

## **D. Residence Halls**

Seton Hill's Residence Halls will be at near normal capacity with some rooms being reserved as isolation spaces as needed for resident students who test positive for COVID-19.

## **E. Events**

In-person events will occur throughout campus during the 2022-23 academic year. Mask wearing at events is at the discretion of the university administration. Event organizers will be responsible for contacting their area's member of President's Council to determine whether masks will be required at the event. Any mask requirements will be announced prior to the event.

## **F. Athletics**

Seton Hill expects athletic competition to continue on a normal schedule for all sports in the 2022-23 academic year. Seton Hill will follow PSAC, GMAC and NCAA rules regarding testing and other mitigation efforts.

# **III. Risk Mitigation Practices**

## **A. COVID-19 Vaccine Policy**

The American College Health Association (ACHA) has recommended that colleges and universities require campus community members to be up to date on COVID-19 vaccinations, while allowing for normal exemptions, in order to keep people healthy and return to a more normal campus life.

Given the effectiveness of vaccines in reducing serious infection – and the desire of our Seton Hill community to return to a normal campus experience for all – Seton Hill University requires all students enrolled in face-to-face classes and attending campus activities and all employees engaged in on-campus work to be up-to-date on vaccinations against COVID-19 for the 2022-23 academic year. At this time, up-to-date based on the CDC definition means fully-vaccinated with the primary dose(s) of an approved COVID-19 vaccine and at least one or two booster doses based on age. The current definition of up-to-date can be found at [www.cdc.gov/covid19](https://www.cdc.gov/covid19).

Consistent with Seton Hill's policies for other vaccinations for students, those students and employees with a valid medical or religious reason why they cannot receive a COVID-19 vaccine will be permitted to apply for appropriate exemptions. Those students and employees who already have a COVID-19 exemption on file with Health Services do not need to reapply.

Employees and students who receive an exemption will be required to follow risk mitigation practices as outlined by Seton Hill.

The full policy may be found on Seton Hill's Policy Tech Pages or at <https://setonhill.policytech.com/dotNet/documents/?docid=1037&public=true>

## **B. Masking**

Seton Hill will require all individuals on campus who are not up-to-date on COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters to wear masks in instructional spaces on campus. Masks are required to be worn by everyone – regardless of vaccination status - in the Office of Health Services on the fifth floor of the Administration Building and in the COVID-19 testing area on the Admin front porch. Faculty and staff reserve the right to require masking in classrooms, labs and studios or during work study/internships at any time regardless of vaccination status.

## **C. Testing**

Health Services will conduct COVID-19 testing for the following reasons:

### **1. Universal Testing**

As announced on June 29, 2022, all students and employees participating in in-person learning or work on campus – regardless of vaccination status – are required to participate in Universal Testing prior to the start of the Fall 2022 semester. Testing must occur within 72 hours prior to arrival on campus for resident students or commuters who are on campus for activities and/or within 72 hours of attendance of face-to-face classes. Individuals who had documented case of COVID-19 within 90 days prior to arrival do not have to test.

## **2. Surveillance Testing**

At this time, Seton Hill will not conduct surveillance testing during the 2022-23 academic year unless cases on campus or in the region make such a testing program necessary.

## **3. Symptomatic Testing**

Students and employees who are symptomatic for COVID-19 must be tested regardless of their vaccination status. Seton Hill recommends students and employees be tested by Health Services although testing by outside health care providers is permitted. Health Services testing appointments can be made at [stay.setonhill.edu](https://stay.setonhill.edu). Students should contact Health Services if they are tested outside of Seton Hill, while employees should contact Human Resources.

## **4. Close Contact Testing**

Seton Hill will follow the following close contact testing procedures for the 2022-23 academic year:

All contacts of a COVID-19 positive individual must be tested on Day 5 following their exposure.

All contacts must wear a mask in public for a 10-day period following exposure.

See the Contact Tracing, Quarantine and Isolation section below for more information.

Seton Hill recommends students and employees be tested by Health Services although testing by outside health care providers is permitted. Health Services testing appointments can be made at [stay.setonhill.edu](https://stay.setonhill.edu). Students should contact Health Services if they are tested outside of Seton Hill, while employees should contact Human Resources. Outside tests must be documented by a health care provider, pharmacy or testing center. Home tests are not permitted.

## **5. Athletic Testing**

Health Services will conduct testing of athletes and coaches as required by the PSAC and NCAA.

### **D. Contact Tracing, Quarantine and Isolation**

Contact tracing is a key strategy for preventing further spread of COVID-19. It is the process of identifying and supporting individuals who have been in contact with individuals who have a suspected, or confirmed, COVID-19 infection. Contact tracing is part of a multifaceted approach to fight the COVID-19 pandemic and mitigate disease transmission.

Seton Hill staff from the Office of Health Services and other campus offices as well as Resident Assistants have participated in various training opportunities in regards to Contact Tracing.

Once a contact of a positive individual is identified, they are contacted by a contact tracer who provides them information about masking and testing.

Seton Hill's quarantine and isolation protocols follow:

#### **QUARANTINE**

At this time, Seton Hill is following CDC guidelines updated on August 11, 2022 regarding COVID-19 quarantine.

Campus community members identified as a contact of a COVID-19 positive individual will not be required to quarantine following exposure, regardless of vaccination status.

However, those individuals must be tested on Day 5 following exposure and must mask for 10 days.

Individuals identified as contacts should be mindful of their contact with others and should immediately be tested and quarantine if they develop COVID-19 symptoms.

Seton Hill reserves the right to reinstate quarantine for individuals who are not up to date on COVID vaccinations and boosters in the event of campus or community spread.

Seton Hill recommends students and employees be tested by Health Services although testing by outside health care providers is permitted. Health Services testing appointments can be made at [stay.setonhill.edu](https://stay.setonhill.edu). Students should contact Health Services if they are tested outside of Seton Hill, while employees should contact Human Resources. Outside tests must be documented by a health care provider, pharmacy or testing center. Home tests are not permitted.

## ISOLATION

Seton Hill will continue with stronger isolation protocols than required by the CDC as the university is a congregate setting.

As such, the Isolation protocols follow:

- Isolation for COVID positive individuals will be 7 days **as long as the individuals are asymptomatic or symptoms are resolving** (fever free for 24 hours) at Day 7
- Individuals whose symptoms are not resolving will remain in isolation for a full 10 days
- Positive individuals released at Day 7 must wear a mask for three more days in public after being released from isolation

Seton Hill has a limited number of isolation spaces available for resident students. Due to the medical needs that may arise with unvaccinated students who contract COVID-19, Seton Hill encourages those resident students who receive a vaccination exemption to seek an isolation space off-campus. If they are unable to find space, Seton Hill will work to accommodate students as needed. Commuter students and employees will isolate off-campus.

## E. CAMPUS VISITOR POLICIES



Campus guests, including prospective students and their families, alumni and friends, business vendors must be informed of the current mask wearing policy on campus.

To protect the health and safety of each other and our campus community, all visitors are required to complete the COVID-19 screening protocol.

Most guest screening – particularly for prospective students and their families - will take place at the Welcome Center, located on the first floor of the Administration Building, however, guest screenings may be required in outlying areas of campus.

The electronic guest screening survey is available online at <https://forms.gle/AcwDStt3Jv2bY9xM7>

## **G. CLEANING PROTOCOLS**

Aramark, Seton Hill University's custodial vendor, will continue enhanced cleaning of all spaces on campus during the pandemic using cleaning supplies that meet CDC guidelines. Aramark will focus on the cleaning of high-touch areas such as door handles and light switches; bathrooms; common spaces such as classrooms, laboratories, studios and athletic facilities; and residence hall common areas. In addition to Aramark's cleaning protocols, cleaning supplies will be made available to faculty, staff and students so that they may clean high-touch equipment or furnishings before and after use. Employees will keep their personal workspaces cleaned on a daily basis.

## **H. COVID-19 SOCIAL CONTRACTS**

Seton Hill University students will sign and agree to abide by Social Contracts that outline their responsibilities during the COVID-19 pandemic. A general Social Contract and a Social Contract for Residential Living will be electronically signed by students through MySHU prior to the start of classes for the Fall 2022 semester.

## **I. COMMUNICATIONS**

Seton Hill University will regularly communicate with the university community regarding evolving guidelines or changes to procedures as we work to protect the health and safety of employees, students and guests.

Seton Hill will use email communication, the E2 Campus Alert system and the university's dedicated COVID-19 website to communicate issues of importance to the Seton Hill community, including positive COVID-19 cases. The website [stay.setonhill.edu](http://stay.setonhill.edu) will also contain valuable information, including links to schedule COVID-19 testing.

The Office of Health Services will contact the Pennsylvania Department of Health about every positive COVID-19 case the university is made aware of among the campus community.

The Seton Hill Office of Public Information will update the COVID-19 Weekly Dashboard each Monday during the 2022-23 academic year with assistance from the Office of Health Service and the Office of Human Resources. The Dashboard may be published more often if warranted based on case numbers. The public-facing COVID-19 Daily Dashboard provides the Seton Hill community, and the community-at-large, with updated information on COVID-19 testing and case numbers for students, faculty and staff actively engaged in face-to-face activities on the Seton Hill campus. Positive cases will be included on the dashboard if the person tested positive within 14 days of last being on campus.

#### **IV. RESURGENCE**

Given the uncertainty surrounding new and emerging COVID-19 variants, in the event of a significant resurgence of COVID-19 in the communities surrounding Seton Hill University or on the Seton Hill campus or if Seton Hill is not allowed to operate in a face-to-face manner because of an order by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or the federal government and the university must move to an all online learning format and/or close residence halls, Seton Hill will implement its Emergency All-Hazards Plan to safely and efficiently change the educational delivery format and move students, faculty and staff off campus as necessary.

Should circumstances require Seton Hill resident students to remain on campus during a resurgence, the university will provide for their safety and essential care.

## **V. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

This document was drafted based on available information from local, state, and federal authorities and the COVID-19 related policies and protocols outlined herein are subject to change as additional information becomes available.

Seton Hill University students, faculty and staff will be required to acknowledge the COVID-19 related policies and protocols, as well as their shared responsibility to keep the campus safe through compliance with requirements for testing, contact tracing, social/physical distancing, wearing masks and other PPE, and guest restrictions.

The Office of the General Counsel is actively engaged to ensure that all Seton Hill COVID-19 related strategies and efforts are implemented consistent with applicable law (e.g., ADA and EEOC Guidance, Title VII, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, FERPA).

## **VI. CONCLUSION**

Throughout the pandemic, Seton Hill University's highest priority has been the safety and health of our campus community. As we continue to conduct face-to-face classes and house students in the 2022-23 academic year, Seton Hill will remain mindful and continue to follow federal and state guidelines as they develop. As such, this plan will continue to be modified as necessary to account for the ever-changing nature of the pandemic and guidelines from government and health officials.