Amherst College COVID-19 Community Expectations

We all have a role to play in keeping our community as healthy as possible.

**Effective Monday, September 13, 2021**

- **Comply with COVID-19 Testing protocols.** Students must test twice a week, which will occur on either a Sunday/Wednesday or Monday/Thursday schedule.

- **Participate honestly in contact tracing.** Students are expected to participate fully and honestly in the contact tracing process by sharing the names of close contacts. This information is gathered for the health and safety of those identified individuals and our entire community.

- **Monitor your own health.** Students must monitor their own health and should contact Health Services if they are experiencing any symptoms.

- **Masks must be worn indoors.** Masks should completely cover the mouth and nose and fit tightly against your face without gaps. A KN95 mask must be worn at all times in classrooms and other academic spaces that are operating at 100% capacity. Masks do not need to be worn when in one’s own residence hall room or in a private office. You can pick up masks at the following locations: the Service Center in the Services building (Monday-Friday 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m.); the Commissary at Schwemm’s in Keefe Campus Center (daily 3 p.m. until Midnight); and the Campus Post Office. [Amherst.edu/go/masks](http://Amherst.edu/go/masks)

- **Masks are not required outdoors except in high-density situations over a sustained period of time (15 minutes or more).** All individuals should have a mask with them at all times. If you have been identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive, you must be masked indoors and outdoors due to the increased risk of spread. In addition, we will continue to require that visitors to campus wear masks at outdoor events, as they are not part of our testing protocol.

- **Lanyard and ID required when on campus.** Non-Amherst students, staff, and faculty are not able to enter campus buildings, so the lanyard is how we identify you as an Amherst student. Five College students taking Amherst courses will be given access to academic buildings and participate in testing protocols.

- **You may travel within Hampshire County.** All students will be able to travel within Hampshire County (which includes the towns of Amherst, Belchertown, Easthampton, Granby, Hatfield, Huntington, North Amherst, Northampton, South Amherst and Ware). Do not dine in at restaurants, indoor cafes, or bars. Travel beyond that must be approved by submitting a request at [Amherst.edu/go/travelform](http://Amherst.edu/go/travelform). Student organizations or teams seeking to travel beyond Hampshire County or overnight travel must coordinate through their recognizing department.

- **Only current Amherst students are allowed in residence halls.** Guests (individuals not participating in the Amherst testing protocol) are not permitted to visit Amherst College residents in their residence halls. Campus buildings will only be accessible to Amherst College community members and are not open to other guests, except Five College students actively enrolled in a course and in a testing protocol.

- **In-person dining at Val will resume at 30% capacity (approximately 200-225 seats).** Masks must be worn while indoors except when actively eating or drinking. To help our dining services staff, who are working very hard to keep Val operating smoothly, please pick up after you’re done eating to leave tables clear for the next set of diners.

- **Indoor event capacity is 50%.** All indoor spaces are at 50% capacity for non-class activity and masks must be worn at all times.