



Frequently Asked Questions COVID-19 Policies and Procedures

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The following provides information about NEIT's updated COVID-19 policies and procedures. Please review carefully.

1. Q. Does NEIT require that students be vaccinated against COVID?

A. All students who will be on any of NEIT's campuses need to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, unless they are granted an exemption for medical or religious reasons. If you haven't done so already, submit proof of being vaccinated to NEIT's Contact Tracing Team (CTT), NEITtracing@neit.edu. Use ONLY your NEIT email when communicating by email with the CTT. New incoming students must submit proof of their vaccination according to the instructions provided to them by the Admissions Office.

Students are also strongly encouraged to receive a booster shot once eligible. Students are eligible to receive the booster shot 5 months after completing the two-shot Pfizer or Moderna vaccination series or 2 months after receiving the one-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccination. Proof of receiving a booster should also be sent to NEIT's Contact Tracing Team.

2. Q. Do residential students need to be tested for COVID-19 before they move into the residence hall?

A. All residential students will be required to take a COVID-19 rapid test **upon arrival to campus**. During scheduled move-in days, the testing will be done **in the student lounge of the main building** (not the residence hall). **Only students who test negative will be allowed into the residence hall. Students who test positive will be required to immediately leave campus to isolate at home.** Students will be notified of their arrival test results by phone, so it is important that your voicemail box is empty and available to accept messages.

We strongly recommend that residential students from long distances receive a rapid test at home, close to the time of their arrival to campus, in case they test positive for COVID. This way, they will avoid traveling all the way to NEIT only to find out they cannot move into the residence hall. Students who test positive need to contact NEIT's Contact Tracing Team, NEITtracing@neit.edu, to let them know and to learn the next steps.

3. Q. Will I have to be tested for COVID-19 while attending NEIT?

A. At this time, NEIT does not conduct routine surveillance testing for commuter or residential students. This may change in the event of outbreaks or for other reasons deemed necessary by NEIT.

4. Q. Can I be tested for COVID-19 at NEIT? What are COVID-19 symptoms?

A. COVID testing (free) is available at the Public Safety Office (S111A) on the East Greenwich Campus for students who have symptoms of COVID (below) or who have been identified as a close contact of someone who tested positive for COVID. Students' positive test results will be reported by Public Safety to NEIT's Contact Tracing Team (CTT). A member

of the CTT will contact students who test positive. (It is best for individuals who are on NEIT's Warwick campuses to contact the East Greenwich Public Safety Office by phone at (401) 780-4705 or extension 3662 to arrange an appointment for testing.)

COVID symptoms include: fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, nasal congestion or rhinorrhea, vomiting or diarrhea, and skin rashes. Omicron symptoms may appear as less severe and commonly include only cough, fatigue, congestion and a runny nose; however, any of the symptoms above may be present with COVID-19 infection.

5. Q. What do I do if I have symptoms of COVID or if I had close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID?

A. Get tested immediately. NEIT will provide rapid testing at the Public Safety Office (East Greenwich campus) for students who have symptoms of COVID-19 or who have been exposed to a case and identified as a close contact.

If you have any COVID symptoms (see Q&A #4), do not come to campus. If you are a commuter and already on campus and develop any symptoms, leave campus immediately and contact NEIT's Contact Tracing Team at NEITtracing@neit.edu for information about what to do next and when you may return to campus. Residential students should immediately return to their rooms and contact NEIT's Contact Tracing Team, NEITtracing@neit.edu, and the Office of Residence Life, reslife@neit.edu, for information about what to do next. Students cannot attend in-person classes during their isolation period. Instead, they can take their classes remotely, if applicable, or make arrangements with their instructors to complete their coursework.

If you have been in close contact with someone who tested positive, immediately begin wearing a mask and contact NEIT's Contact Tracing Team at NEITtracing@neit.edu for information about what to do next.

6. Q. What happens if I test positive for COVID and I do not report it to NEIT's Contact Tracing Team, NEITtracing@neit.edu?

A. If NEIT becomes aware of a student who intentionally does not disclose to NEIT's Contact Tracing Team their positive COVID test result, the student may face disciplinary action under NEIT's Student Conduct Policy, which may include the application of a disciplinary sanction. (See NEIT's Student Conduct Policy on page 59 of the Student Handbook.)

7. Q. Do I need to wear a mask at NEIT?

A. Masks are not required at this time. However, there remains a benefit to masking and there are people in our campus community who will continue to wear them. Please respect their decisions.

* If you are immunocompromised or at [high risk of severe illness](#), talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take additional precautions. If you live or have social contact with someone at high risk for severe illness, consider testing yourself for infection before you get together and wearing a mask when indoors with them.

NEIT will continue to reevaluate the University's COVID protocols based on the level of prevalence of COVID-19 in the community and will revise the mask policy, as needed. Watch for any updates in your NEIT email.

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