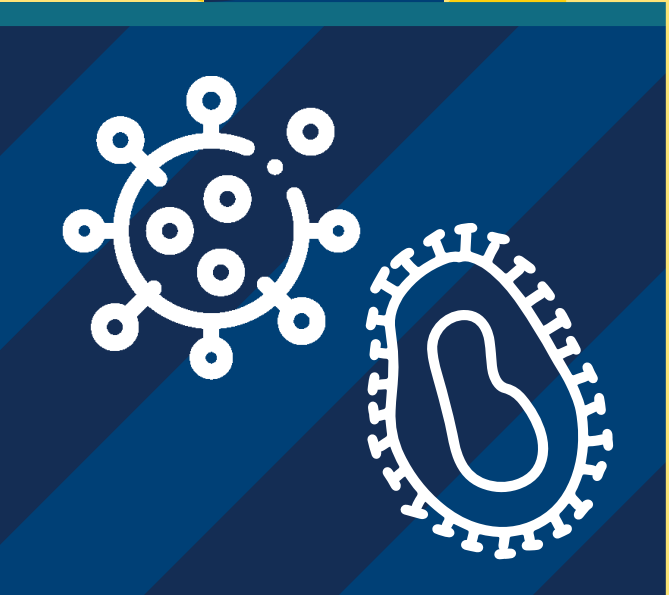


STUDENT GUIDE TO CAMPUS OPERATIONS: COVID-19 & MONKEYPOX



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Updated COVID-19 Guidelines for Faculty, Staff, Students and Guests



Dear JCSU Campus Community:

As we settle into fall semester, we continue to remain vigilant about the health, safety and well-being of our campus community and in lockstep with our local, regional and national medical communities. Given recent COVID-19 guidance and updates from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention, we wanted to make you aware of new modifications to our COVID-19 protocols and how they impact university operations.



COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

COVID-19 Vaccination and Booster Shots

JCSU remains a mandated COVID-19 vaccination and booster campus and the new bivalent boosters are readily available. Like previous COVID-19 booster shots, these shots are free and available, by appointment, at local medical providers and drug stores like CVS and Walgreens. Remember, you must be two months out from your last COVID-19 shot to get a bivalent booster!



Mask-Wearing Requirements

Johnson C. Smith University remains a mask-optional institution, except in the JCSU Atrium Health Center. Anyone entering the health center (ill or not), must wear a mask or one will be provided to you upon entry.

New Students and Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination

If you are an incoming student, please ensure that you have completed the following items, prior to your arrival:

- 1) Provided a copy of your COVID-19 Vaccination Card, which will include any of your booster shots, to the JCSU Atrium Health Center. You may take a picture and email it to healthcenter@jcsu.edu.
- 2) If applicable, applied for a COVID-19 Exemption (for religious or medical reasons only) by contacting Dr. Marian Jones, Director of Health and Wellness, at 704.378.1074 or myjones@jcsu.edu.
- 3) Arrived to campus with a negative COVID-19 test result, taken no earlier than 72 hours prior to moving into your assigned residence hall (no test result, no room key!)

You might be wondering: What happens if you don't comply with the above? Students who do not comply will have a Vaccination Hold placed on their account—which simply means that you will not have access to the library, dining hall, assigned residence hall or CANVAS (the university's course platform), until these above requirements are met.

Weekly Mitigation Testing

Based on the CDC's decision to no longer recommend mitigation testing, and similar to other university-related entities like the NCAA and CIAA, JCSU will follow suit and cease mandatory, weekly mitigation testing. Students, faculty or staff members who would like to err on the side of caution, can still get tested by calling the JCSU Atrium Health Center at 704.378.1075 to make an appointment.

Tested Positive for COVID-19

With some certainty, we are all learning to live with COVID-19. Likewise, we know that vaccinated or not, people can still get sick. With this in mind, we are asking everyone to practice personal accountability and responsibility.

If you think you have been exposed to or tested positive for COVID-19, please report your status to the health center (students) or Human Resources (faculty/staff members). Certainly, if you feel sick, stay home! Then, ask yourself the following:

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

Have I Been Exposed to COVID-19?

If the answer is yes, think about your last day of contact with the infected person(s). Wear a mask for the next 10 days while watching for symptoms. If you develop symptoms, then go and get tested.

Am I COVID-19 Positive with No Symptoms?

If the answer is yes, remain in your room or at home for 5 days and mask up. On Day 6 you can return to class or the workplace, but you will need to continue wearing your mask for the next 4 days (for a total of 10 days of mask-wearing).

Am I COVID-19 Positive with Symptoms?

If the answer is yes, remain in your room or at home for 5 days after the first day your first symptoms appear or occur and mask up. On Day 7 you can return to class or the workplace (if you are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medication), but you will need to continue wearing your mask for the next 4 days (for a total of 10 days of mask-wearing). You will also need to keep the health center or Human Resources updated about your medical care plan.

What if my roommate and I are COVID-19 Positive?

Because the CDC regards this type of situation as a “single household” (meaning everyone is under “one roof”), then you two are permitted to isolate together. However, you will need to wear your masks for 10 days.

What if my roommate is COVID-19 Positive and I am Negative?

The university can remove your roommate and place them in isolation housing until they recover. As referenced above, you should wear your mask for 10 days and get tested if you develop symptoms.

COVID-19 Dashboard

As an institution, we continue to update our COVID-19 Dashboard weekly and provide an accurate number of student, faculty and staff cases on campus.

Fall & the Flu

Thanks to our new partnership with Atrium Health, we will be hosting a Flu Shot Clinic for the first 50 participants on Wednesday, October 5, 2022, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., on the Block.

Monkeypox

Just when we thought that we were finally getting our hands wrapped around COVID-19, Monkeypox also appeared. There have been no reported cases on campus.

Similar to COVID-19, we encourage everyone to remain vigilant and aware of their bodies and any change in appearance (i.e., rashes, pimples or blisters that will not go away). The university has reserved isolated spaces for any student that becomes infected with Monkeypox or is awaiting test results.

We thank you for your attention to these matters and willingness to help keep our campus safe and well!

ACADEMIC CALENDAR & CONTACTS

Academic Calendar

The University will adhere to the following academic calendar for fall:

DATE	TASK(S)
Monday, August 15, 2022	First Day of Instruction
Monday, September 5, 2022	Labor Day (University is Closed)
Tuesday, October 11-Wednesday, October 12, 2022	Midterm Exams
Thursday, October 13-Friday, October 14, 2022	Fall Semester Break
Friday, November 18, 2022	Last Day to File for December Graduation
Wednesday, November 23-Friday, November 25, 2022	Thanksgiving Holiday
Monday, November 28-Saturday, December 10	Virtual Teaching and Learning Period, Reading Day (Monday, December 5) and Final Examinations (Tuesday, December 6-Saturday, December 10)

Campus Contact Information

Academic Advising: ace@jcsu.edu

Academic Affairs: svpaa@jcsu.edu

Admissions: 704.378.1010, admissions@jcsu.edu

Campus Police: 704.378.1003/1004, campuspolice@jcsu.edu

Counseling Center: 704.378.1044, counselingoffice@jcsu.edu

Dean of Students: 704.378.1109, deanofstudents@jcsu.edu

Dining Services: 704.371.6501/6502/6503, jcsucatering@perkinsusa.com

Financial Aid: 704.378.1035, financialaid@jcsu.edu

Human Resources: 704.378.1296, hr@jcsu.edu

Information Technology: 704.378.1000 opt.9, helpdesk@jcsu.edu

Registrar: 704.378.1108, registrar@jcsu.edu

Residence Life: 704.378.1099, residencelife@jcsu.edu

Student Accounts: 704.378.1145, studentaccounts@jcsu.edu

Student Affairs and Enrollment Management: 704.378.1109, studentaffairs@jcsu.edu

Student Engagement: 704.378.1276, studentengagement@jcsu.edu

Student Health Center: 704.378.1075, healthcenter@jcsu.edu

University College: 704.378.1117



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