



SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE

Quality Education in the Benedictine Tradition

FAQs – Shelter-In-Place Mandate

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How long will the shelter-in-place mandate be enacted?

At this time, this mandate will be in place through at least Tuesday, May 4. On Wednesday, May 5, an announcement will be made about the future status of the mandate. Testing and contact tracing results will determine the next steps. The shelter-in-place mandate will remain in place until transmission levels are significantly reduced. Please follow all guidance from the College.

Will this be in place for the rest of the semester?

We are hopeful that the shelter-in-place mandate can be lifted so that the remainder of the semester, including finals and commencement, will be in-person. The length of the mandate will be determined by the results of testing during the coming days. This is also reliant upon the cooperation of all members of the campus community to take the necessary steps and follow the protocols in place to stop the rapid increase in positive cases.

What should I do if I am experiencing COVID-19 symptoms?

Contact the Wellness Center right away at 724-805-2115 or WellnessCenter@stvincent.edu.

What if I was around someone who has tested positive, but I've not been identified as a close contact?

Please contact the Wellness Center at WellnessCenter@stvincent.edu or 724-805-2115 for testing.

Does the mandate apply to fully vaccinated students and students who are still within 90 days from testing positive?

Yes, this mandate applies to all students.

Do commuter students have to get tested once campus opens back up and the mandate is lifted?

Return to campus protocols will be announced in the coming days.

Can I leave my room at all?

Students can leave to get meals, use restroom facilities, and to take a walk. No other social gatherings will be permitted.

What about athletics?

All athletic activities are suspended while the shelter-in-place mandate is in effect.

Campus recreation/exercise?

Individual outdoor exercise is permitted, but no group events or games.

What is the difference between the symptomatic and surveillance testing that will be taking place?

Symptomatic testing is for those with symptoms, and surveillance will be done for areas where more cases were starting to appear, along with some random testing of all areas.

How will I know if I am being selected for surveillance testing?

Students will be notified via their Saint Vincent email and cell phone number that is on record with the College.

What test is being accepted for a return to campus - a rapid test or PCR?

Return to campus protocols will be announced in the coming days.

Can I still go to my work-study job since staff will be in the office as normal?

Those who are fully vaccinated and have sent their vaccination card to immunizations@stvincent.edu are permitted to attend work-study jobs if their supervisor approves. Supervisors will verify vaccination records. Supervisors should contact Wellness Center, Events or Academic Affairs to confirm that a student is fully vaccinated according to Saint Vincent records.

Can I still work at my off-campus job? Student teaching? Nursing clinic?

Can I go to a medical appointment? Shop for food?

Leaving and returning to campus should be for essential activities only. Students should check with faculty and follow their instructions regarding clinicals, student-teaching and internships.

Can I get food as take out, either as delivery or by driving to a restaurant to pick up? Can I leave the floor to pick up delivered food?

Delivery, and contactless delivery where possible is permitted, but students should not leave campus for takeout meals.

Will extra water be delivered in addition to the meals?

Yes, water will be delivered to residence hall lobbies.

Does everyone have to wear masks on floors?

Yes, masking is required in accordance with College Health and Safety protocols.

Will laundry facilities be available?

Laundry facilities may be used when necessary, but avoid crowding and be sure to clean surfaces after use. Do not touch or move others' belongings.

Can people who choose to leave for the semester at this time have help from family members or friends with moving-out?

Family members and friends can bring cars, but residents will need to get their items to the cars. Please contact a prefect or RHD for access to a dolly.

How exactly will meals work?

An email was sent to all students on Thursday afternoon detailing the procedures and schedule for picking up meals.

What if I am a commuter with a meal plan?

Commuters can come to campus to pick up meals.

What is the status of Academic Conference? Honors Convocation? Commencement?

The online Academic Conference will proceed as scheduled. A decision on in-person attendance at Honors Convocation will be made early next week. Commencement plans for May 22 depend on the COVID-19 case counts declining.

If we follow the instructions of the Wellness Center and contact tracers we can bring COVID-19 transmissions to levels that would permit in-person commencement. It is in our hands as a community.

Are other on-campus and student activities also cancelled?

Yes, at this time, all social student activities are suspended.

Can I still go to get my scheduled vaccination appointment?

Yes, provided you do not have COVID-19 symptoms or are a close contact of a COVID-19 positive case identified by contact tracing.

How can I care for my mental health?

Despite being physically separated from others, it is important to stay connected to friends and family and engaged virtually in classes. If you find your mental health and resilience is being taxed, please reach out for support. You can call the Wellness Center at 724-805-2115 to speak with a licensed therapist or reach out to our Campus Ministry and Benedictines in Residence.