

Wallace Community College – Dothan (WCCD) Spring 2023 College Operations Plan

Our priority is always the health and safety of our students, faculty and staff, and our commitment to our students' well-being, education and experience at Wallace Community College-Dothan (WCCD).

As we return to campus for Spring Semester 2023, the College will continue to operate as identified in *ACCS MEMO 2022-EXE-002 COVID-19 Protocol (January 5, 2022)*. All employees are expected to work their full schedules at their assigned locations. No option for employee - requested remote or telework is available effective August 9, 2021.

Students and Employees cases should be reported to COVID-19 Prevention and Response Coordinator, Andrea Anderson (aanderson@wallace.edu; or (334) 556-2556).

In support of this update, CDC is:

- Recommending that instead of quarantining if you were exposed to COVID-19, you wear a high-quality mask for 10 days and get tested on day 5.
- Reiterating that regardless of vaccination status, you should isolate from others when you have COVID-19.
 - You should also isolate if you are sick and suspect that you have COVID-19 but do not yet have test results.
 - If your results are positive, follow CDC's full isolation recommendations.
 - If your results are negative, you can end your isolation.
- Recommending that if you test positive for COVID-19, you stay home for at least 5 days and isolate from others in your home. You are likely most infectious during these first 5 days. Wear a high-quality mask when you must be around others at home and in public.
 - If after 5 days you are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medication, and your symptoms are improving, or you never had symptoms, you may end isolation after day 5.
 - Regardless of when you end isolation, avoid being around people who are more likely to get very sick from COVID-19 until at least day 11.
 - You should wear a high-quality mask through day 10.
- Recommending that if you had [moderate illness](#) (if you experienced shortness of breath or had difficulty breathing) or [severe illness](#) (you were hospitalized) due to COVID-19 or you have a weakened immune system, you need to isolate through day 10.
- Recommending that if you had [severe illness](#) or have a weakened immune system, consult your doctor before ending isolation. Ending isolation without a viral test may not be an option for you. If you are unsure if your symptoms are moderate or severe or if you have a weakened immune system, talk to a healthcare provider for further guidance.
- Clarifying that after you have ended isolation, if your COVID-19 symptoms worsen, restart your isolation at day 0. Talk to a healthcare provider if you have questions about your symptoms or when to end isolation.
- Recommending screening testing of asymptomatic people without known exposures will no longer be recommended in most community settings.
- Emphasizing that physical distance is just one component of how to protect yourself and others. It is important to consider the risk in a particular setting, including local COVID-19 Community Levels and the important role of ventilation, when assessing the need to maintain physical distance.