

Updated COVID guidelines for Upstate

July 12, 2021

On July 7, Chancellor Malatras issued a new set of COVID Protocols for SUNY. In addition, OSHA has recently published a COVID-19 Healthcare Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) with complex, detailed guidance to protect workers from COVID-19. Upstate is in the process of a gap analysis regarding the OSHA guidelines.

For the near future, based on the SUNY updated protocol and OSHA's ETS, Upstate has updated its policies for masking, daily COVID-19 screening, mandatory surveillance testing, and travel. These are in effect as of today, July 12.

1. Masks

- In clinical buildings/areas: Masks continue to be required in all hospitals and buildings dedicated to patient care activities—inpatient or outpatient. Fully-vaccinated staff working in administrative areas where patients are not present are exempt from wearing masks.
- In campus academic buildings (Weiskotten, Setnor, Academic Building, Campus Activities Building, non-clinical spaces/areas at Institute for Human Performance): Fully vaccinated employees, faculty and students are not required to wear masks.
- In mixed use buildings like Jacobsen Hall and Institute for Human Performance, masks are required in patient care areas (e.g., Employee Student Health).
- All employees in offices with more than one person will be required to wear masks unless all are vaccinated.
- All visitors and members of the public must wear masks in all buildings.
- **All unvaccinated employees, faculty and students are required to wear masks at all times when in all buildings.**

2. Daily health screening (Upstate Policy COV M-02)

- All employees, faculty and students, vaccinated or unvaccinated, must continue to undergo daily screening for COVID symptoms and risks (chatbot for all sites or ID screening into the hospital).

3. Mandatory surveillance testing

- All unvaccinated employees, faculty and students who are present in campus academic buildings must continue to undergo weekly surveillance testing via saliva tests.
- Fully vaccinated individuals are not required to undergo weekly surveillance testing at this time.

4. Travel (Upstate COV T-09)

- There are no travel restrictions for domestic travel. For international travel, see Policy COV T-09 at <https://upstate-ellucid-com.libproxy1.upstate.edu/documents/view/10796>.
- CDC guidelines are at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/international-travel-during-covid19.html>

As always, Upstate will modify its guidelines and communicate those updates should the environment change or should external agencies set up additional protocols or requirements.