



Dear Students,

We write to thank you all for your perseverance and efforts to keep our campus community safe during the challenging COVID-19 pandemic. Although it is hard to believe, as we enter 2022, our COVID-19 mitigation efforts must intensify to assure a safe on campus environment. Although all have sacrificed so much already, due to the evolution of the virus and new concerning variants, we are in need of additional measures.

We are aware that both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals can acquire and transmit COVID-19. Nonetheless, vaccination remains our greatest tool in mitigating severe and life threatening COVID-19 illness. Thus, we encourage COVID-19 vaccination for all, and a vaccine booster if greater than 6 months since becoming fully vaccinated. Scientists tell us this offers the best protection against serious COVID infection, whether or not one has had COVID-19 in the past. We chose to follow science, CDC and PA DOH recommendations, and discernment of other colleges experiences to help guide our processes. Thus, as the global health situation has evolved, so too must our campus protocols.

For Spring 2022 return, the College will require a negative COVID-19 test for all students, faculty, and staff regardless of one's vaccine status. This decision was based on careful review and analysis by Senior Cabinet after consultation with our emergency management team and COVID-19 task force.

- You **MUST** have a COVID-19 test performed and submit the negative result in the 3-5 days prior to your first day on campus. You can check for testing options in your home area such as CVS, Walgreens, Walmart, Rite Aid, or through your medical provider.
- If you have tested positive after November 12th, you do not need to submit an entry COVID test. A PCR test may remain positive up to 90 days. Please send a copy of your positive test result to covidtestresults@kings.edu if you have not done so already.
- Mail in or home tests will be accepted but must clearly show the student's name, date of test, and test result. Submission of falsified records will be deemed a violation of the conduct code, and dealt with accordingly.
- Unless otherwise directed due to early arrival, you should obtain your test and submit the results between January 12 - January 17, 2022. A rapid antigen test or a PCR will be accepted. The test results should be immediately emailed to covidtestresults@kings.edu.

If your entry COVID-19 test result is positive, you should **NOT** come to campus.

- Students must notify reslife@kings.edu, studenthealth@kings.edu, and studentaffairs@kings.edu. We will provide detailed instructions. You should isolate at home prior to your arrival on campus and contact your medical provider if needed.

Please take note of continued campus protocols:

- Indoor mask requirement for students, faculty, staff and visitors will remain in place. Unvaccinated and partially vaccinated individuals are asked to wear masks at all times.

- Unvaccinated and partially vaccinated members of the campus community will be required to undergo scheduled weekly COVID-19 surveillance testing. Fully vaccinated means that two weeks have passed since your final dose of the vaccine. Pfizer and Moderna are a two-dose vaccine. Johnson & Johnson currently is a one dose vaccine, but a second dose may soon be required.
- Possible random surveillance of some vaccinated individuals may ensue during the spring semester depending on the COVID-19 rates post winter break.
- Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 is required to isolate, regardless of vaccination status.
- Unvaccinated individuals are required to quarantine when identified as a close contact to a COVID-19 positive person.

If you have already been vaccinated or received a new booster and did not yet do so, please upload your documentation at <https:kingscollege.studenthealthportal.com>.

If you have additional questions, please email studenthealth@kings.edu. Our COVID-19 webpage and FAQ's will be updated in the upcoming weeks. We appreciate your flexibility, patience and support as we navigate the choppy waters of COVID-19 together. We sincerely appreciate you obtaining the COVID-19 vaccine and booster to protect yourself and those around you with vulnerabilities that disallow vaccination. Our hope is that 2022 brings peace, joy, and a sense of shared purpose as we work together dedicated to serve one another.

Blessings and best wishes to you and your families,

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