Policy:
Wisconsin State Statues § 36.09 and § 36.11 provide authority to the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents to protect the health and safety of those on University of Wisconsin System campuses. This authority has been delegated in part to the Chancellors of each UW campus. Regent Policy Document 23.2 provides authority to the Chancellor to develop public health policies and require those on campus to comply with those policies. UW System President Thompson approved interim administrative policy 600-002, Interim: Summer 2021 COVID-19 Testing Requirements | UW Policies (wisconsin.edu) for students, employees, and minors participating in single day precollege/youth programs and activities and multi-day precollege/youth programs and activities during summer term 2021 at UW System Institutions. Regular student, employee, and minors participating in single day precollege/youth programs and activities and multi-day precollege/youth programs and activities testing for COVID-19 (otherwise known as the coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2) is key to the UW System keeping students, employees, and visitors safe while continuing to provide critical in-person learning opportunities.

COVID-19 is a contagious disease that can cause severe illness and death, particularly for vulnerable individuals such as those with underlying health conditions. We expect that all students, employees, and visitors act in a manner that demonstrates respect and safety of all community members. UWRF is committed to ensuring that it acts to the extent possible to shield its students, employees, and visitors from COVID-19. To this end, UWRF has adopted the following rules to help reduce the likelihood of spread of COVID-19 on campus property or at any UWRF sponsored activity. UWRF Property: for the purposes of this policy, this includes any property (land or buildings) subject to UWRF’s control.
Access to Campus Property and Activities.
No employee, student, or visitor may enter or remain on UWRF property, or other physical location of any UWRF sponsored-activity, if the individual has been diagnosed with COVID-19 by a healthcare provider, is currently subject to isolation following a positive COVID-19 test, or has been determined to be a close contact with a positive case for the duration designated by public health guidelines or their healthcare provider. Individuals who develop a fever (temperature of 100.4° or higher) or have had other symptoms consistent with COVID-19 should be evaluated by a healthcare professional before coming to campus. Information about COVID-19 symptoms can be found on the CDC’s website at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html

Residence hall students who have tested positive for COVID-19 or have been determined to be a close contact may be permitted to remain on UWRF property at the sole discretion of UWRF. UWRF reserves the right to assign appropriate isolation facilities for residence hall students who test positive for the virus and appropriate quarantine facilities for residence hall students who have been determined to be in close contact with a positive case of COVID-19. UWRF may also at its sole discretion provide students residing off-campus with access to its isolation and quarantine facilities.

COVID-19 Testing Requirements
Pursuant to the University of Wisconsin Interim Policy 600- Interim 02, entitled “Summer 2021 COVID-19 Testing Requirements,” President Thompson has directed mandatory COVID-19 testing for the following populations as defined in SYS 600- Interim 02:

- On-campus students at a frequency of once a week
- Off-campus students at a frequency of once every other week
- Employees at a frequency of once every other week
- Precollege/youth programs and activities participants dependent on the length of the program, as described below:
  - Single day youth programs and activities- participant should self-quarantine for at least 10 days before coming to campus
  - Multi-day youth programs and activities- participant must either be tested upon their arrival or within three days prior to their arrival to campus. If a youth program or activity lasts longer than seven days, participants must additionally be tested once per week after the initial seven-day period. An exception should be granted to participants who have documentation of a positive PCR test within 90 days of the activity and have completed their isolation period.

Individuals are exempt from testing and quarantine requirements if all the following requirements are met:

- If an individual is “fully vaccinated,” which means that it has been two weeks or longer since the individual has completed the vaccine series.
- Vaccination has been verified.
- The individual is asymptomatic. If a fully vaccinated on-campus student or a precollege/youth programs and activities participant is exposed to an individual with suspected or known COVID-19, the student/participant should be tested for COVID-19.

The testing center in Hagestad is open for students and employees who are required to test, and appointments may be made through https://www.doineedacovid19test.com/
Compliance

The health of our community is everyone’s responsibility. All employees and students must comply with testing protocols. Students and employees who choose not to comply with this policy may be subject to disciplinary action. Additionally, for students, refusal to do so will jeopardize their residence hall contract and access to UWRF facilities and may result in review of their status on campus.

Reports about concerns may be made electronically via the UW-River Falls “Report It” website

Quarantine and Isolation

At any time, the University may request or require a resident to leave the residence hall when that resident’s continued presence in the residence hall community poses a health or safety risk for community members. Residential students are required to comply with requests from Residence Life to leave their assigned space due to COVID-19 or other public health emergency and failure to do so is a violation of the residence hall contract and may subject a student to emergency removal from their assigned space. Not all residential rooms or halls are appropriate for quarantine or isolation, for example, and in those situations where a student is recommended to quarantine or isolate, students may not be permitted to continue residing in their residential space and will be provided alternative housing arrangements as needed. Removal from the residence hall to isolate or quarantine does not constitute a termination of a student’s residence hall contract.

Authority

The UW-River Falls Chancellor approves this policy in accordance with the Administrative Policy process. The Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance is responsible for the substance of and compliance with all administrative policies. The Policy Owner (Responsible Office) is responsible for the administration and maintenance of this policy. Request an exception to this policy by writing to administrative-policy@uwrf.edu.

Sanctions and Appeals Process

Failure to adhere to the provisions of this policy may result in appropriate disciplinary action as provided under existing procedures applicable to students and employees.

Contact

Please direct questions about this policy to administrative-policy@uwrf.edu.