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.

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, staff, 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, had 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 and/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 Required for Students Living in UWRF Housing
In response to the public health concerns that resulted in the shelter in place action for campus housing taken September 18, 2020, UWRF has implemented a mandatory testing program for COVID-19 for residential students. Starting Thursday, October 1, 2020 all students living in residence halls – regardless
of whether they have symptoms or think they have been exposed – will be regularly tested for COVID-19.

All students who remained on campus during the shelter in place and wish to remain in the residence halls will be scheduled for testing in Hagestad between October 1 and October 6, 2020. Students testing positive will be given the choice of moving to UWRF isolation facilities or of returning home for the duration of the required isolation period.

All students who left campus during the shelter in place and wish to return to the residence halls will be scheduled for testing between October 7 and October 11, 2020 at the testing center in Hagestad and either:

- Be tested and receive notification of a negative result.
- Submit documentation of a negative test result from an accredited health care provider or county health department dated within seven calendar days of the established return date.
- Submit documentation of a positive test result from an accredited health care provider or county health department dated within 90 days of the established return date.
- Anyone currently under orders to isolate or quarantine will not be allowed to return to their campus residence until they have officially been released.

Any student refusing to be tested or to provide required documentation as described above will not be permitted to return to their residence hall. This includes students who left campus during the shelter in place as well as students who choose to leave campus at some future point to serve a required quarantine or isolation period at home or at another off-campus location.

UWRF provides antigen and PCR testing to students on campus. The antigen testing program tests all students living in residence halls regardless of whether they have symptoms or think they have been exposed to COVID-19. PCR testing is available to students with symptoms, or when antigen testing criteria dictate a confirmatory PCR diagnosis is necessary. Asymptomatic students living in the residence halls will be tested using antigen testing on a biweekly basis or as otherwise determined by UWRF staff. Any student, regardless of whether they reside on or off campus, can get tested. Visit go.uwrf.edu/gettested. Any student experiencing symptoms is asked to complete an online screening https://uwrf.vivi.healthcare/ for assessment and possibly an appointment. A health professional will contact you to review the screening tool assessment results and determine if testing is required. If testing is required, an appointment will be made.

All residential students must comply with testing protocols and our return plan. Any refusal to do so will jeopardize your housing contract and may result in review of your status as a residential student.

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 housing 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 housing 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 residential student’s housing contract.

**Authority**
The UW-River Falls Chancellor approves this policy in accordance with the Administrative Policy process. The Assistant 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, faculty, and staff.

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