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 600-01, Spring Semester 2021 COVID-19 Testing Requirement for on-campus students, off-campus students, and employees.

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 of 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
Building upon the successful testing operation in place in fall 2020, and in compliance with UW System Policy 600-01, the following provisions are in place:

- All campus residents are required to test prior to returning to their residence hall for spring 2021 and weekly thereafter.
- Off-campus students and employees coming to campus must be tested at a frequency of once every two weeks.
- Students and employees who refuse to be tested or fail to provide documentation as noted below are not permitted on campus.
- Any student refusing to be tested or to provide required documentation as described below is not permitted to return to their residence hall.
- Anyone currently under orders to isolate or quarantine will not be allowed on campus (other than the assigned isolation/quarantine locations for students) until they have been officially released.

The testing center in Hagestad is open starting January 21st, and students and employees who are required to test may either:

- Be tested in Hagestad 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.

**Compliance**

The health of our community is everyone’s responsibility. All employees and students must comply with testing protocols and our return plan. 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.