

COVID-19 Weekly Update (Friday, October 1, 2021)

Regular COVID information is always available on the College's COVID-19 Resource Page, available at <https://www.garrettcollege.edu/corona-virus.php> or by contacting equitycompliance@garrettcollege.edu.

Current COVID-19 Status (as of Friday, October 1, 2021)

- 70 reports (includes positive cases, symptomatic individuals, close contacts, and potential exposures)- +7 from last week
- 20 confirmed positive cases- +2 from last week
- 6 individuals are currently in isolation or quarantine either on- or off-campus

Garrett County COVID-19 Status (as of Friday, October 1, 2021)

- Case rate of 63.02 per 100,000
- Positivity Rate of 14.94% (state rate is 4.09%)
- Percentage of population fully vaccinated is 48.8%

WEAR YOUR MASK!!

Masks/face coverings are **required** to be properly worn in all indoor locations (which includes common areas of the residence halls). Failure to comply with the masking protocols is subject to disciplinary actions through the Student Conduct Code or the HR Manual.

How NOT to wear a mask



Testing

Testing locations include (please call ahead to confirm testing is available at the time of the request):

- Garrett County Health Department in Oakland- (301) 334-7697
- WVU Medicine Urgent Care in McHenry (301) 387-8718
- UPMC Urgent Care in McHenry (240) 488-413
- MedExpress in LaVale: (301) 729-0529
- Health Matters Urgent Care in Cumberland: (301) 729-327
- Allegany County Fairgrounds in Cumberland: (301) 759-5000

Vaccinations

Vaccines are an effective and critical tool to bring the pandemic under control by helping to prevent infection, serious illness, hospitalization and death due to COVID-19. Although there are [cases of people who become sick after they are fully vaccinated](#), cases where fully vaccinated people are hospitalized or die from COVID-19 are rare and vaccines remain the best way to prevent COVID-19 and its complications.

The next on-campus vaccination clinic is Thursday, October 14, 2021 from 10:00am- 2:00pm in the GIEC, room 111. To register for this clinic, or find another, visit: <https://garretthealth.org/vax-updated/>.

Boosters:

- Pfizer- eligible if it has been 6 months since your second dose, **and** you are 65+, 18+ with underlying health issues or work/live-in high-risk settings.
- Moderna- eligible if it has been 6 months since your second dose, **and** you are immunocompromised.
- Johnson & Johnson- no boosters approved at this time.

Health and Safety Protocol Reminders:

- **Masks/face coverings** are **required** to be properly worn in all indoor locations (which includes common areas of the residence halls).
- Completion of the **Daily Health Self-Assessment** is required before coming to a campus location each day. The assessment can be found at <https://www.garrettcollege.edu/daily-health>.
- **Social distancing** of 3 feet is strongly recommended in crowded indoor and outdoor settings.
- **STAY HOME** when you are sick, awaiting test results, or have been identified as a close contact, until you have been cleared to return to campus.
- **Report** COVID-related illness, positive results, or close contact notifications to equitycompliance@garrettcollege.edu.

Check your Garrett College email regularly! The College will use official college email addresses to notify students and employees regarding any on-campus exposures.