

**COVID-19 Weekly Update- Student (For February 19-25, 2022)**

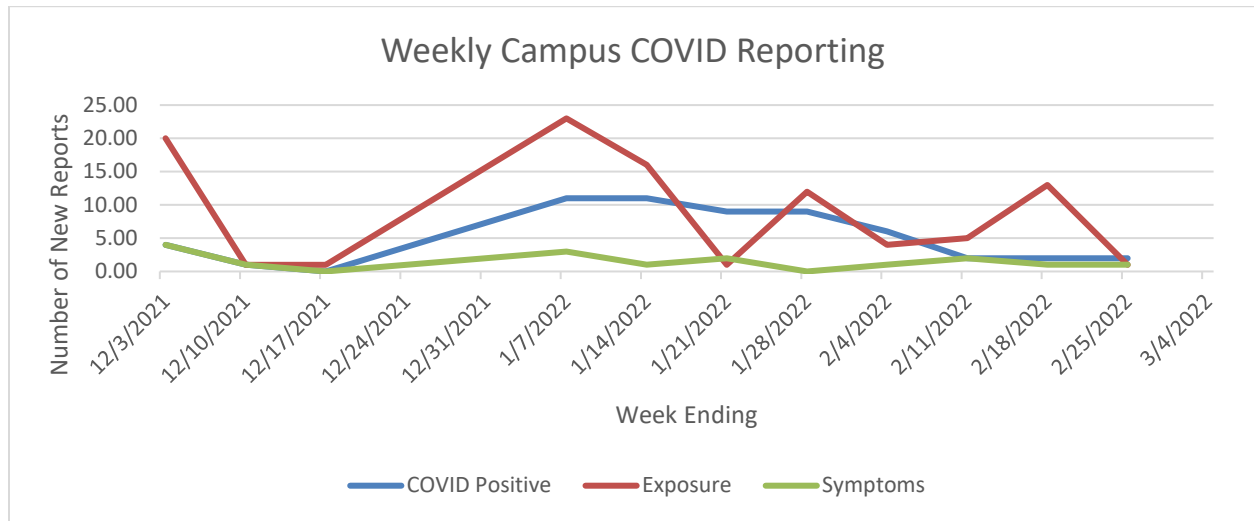
Regular COVID information is always available on the College’s COVID-19 Resource Page, available at <https://www.garrettcollege.edu/corona-virus.php> or by contacting [equitycompliance@garrettcollege.edu](mailto:equitycompliance@garrettcollege.edu).

**Current COVID-19 Status (January 1, 2022 through 10:00 am Friday, February 25, 2022)**

- 119 reports (includes positive cases, symptomatic individuals, close contacts, and potential exposures)- +4 from last update
- 49 confirmed positive cases- +2 from last update
- 3 individual(s) are currently in isolation or quarantine either on- or off-campus

**Garrett County COVID-19 Status (January 1, 2022 through 10:00 am Friday, February 25, 2022)**

- Level of Community Transmission- High [no change from last update]
- Case rate of 33.0 per 100,000 [increased from last update]
- Positivity Rate of 11.50% (state rate is 2.87%) [county and state decreased from last update]
- Percentage of population (5+) fully vaccinated is **51.5%** (Note, reporting changed from 12+ to 5+, which accounts for the decrease from last week’s report)



**WEAR YOUR MASK!!**

**Masks/face coverings** are required to be properly worn in all indoor locations (which includes common areas of the residence halls). The College is re-evaluating its masking mandate in light of guidance changes from the state and CDC; however, no changes have been made at this time. Failure to comply with the masking protocols is subject to disciplinary actions through the Student Conduct Code.

## Testing

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

- Garrett County Health Department - (301) 334-7697; Register online at [CIAN Diagnostics \(ciandx.com\)](https://ciandx.com)
- WVU Medicine Urgent Care in McHenry (301) 387-8718
- UPMC Urgent Care in McHenry (240) 488-413

## Vaccinations

We strongly encourage individuals to get vaccinated and those who are eligible for a booster to do so.

**No clinics are scheduled on-campus at this time.** To locate and schedule a Health Department clinic, visit: <https://garretthealth.org/vax-updated/>. To locate other vaccination sites, visit:

<https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/vaccine>

There is a GoVax Mobile Vaccination Clinic scheduled for today, Friday, February 25, 2022, from 4-7pm at the Garrett County Fairgrounds. For more information or to register, visit [GoVAX Mobile Events - Garrett County Health Department \(garretthealth.org\)](https://garretthealth.org)

## Quarantine and Isolation Protocols

For the health and safety of the campus community, Garrett College will continue with the extended isolation and quarantine guidance, despite the shortened quarantine and isolation period recently published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The protocols are as follows:

- Isolation:
  - Test positive, isolate for at least 10 days.
  - Can return after 10 days if no fever for 24-hours and other symptoms have improved.
- Quarantine for exposure/close contact:
  - Fully vaccinated **and** boosted **or** fully vaccinated but not yet eligible for a booster (2 months for J&J or 5 months for Pfizer or Moderna):
    - Not required to quarantine unless symptomatic.
    - Should test 5-7 days after exposure.
    - Must mask, distance when possible, and monitor for symptoms for 10 days.
  - Unvaccinated **or** fully vaccinated but not boosted when eligible:
    - Quarantine for at least 7-10 days unless symptomatic.
    - Should test 5-7 days after exposure.
    - Must mask, distance when possible, and monitor for symptoms for 10 days.
  - Previous infection within 90-day period:
    - Not required to quarantine unless symptomatic.
    - Should test 5-7 days after exposure.
    - Must mask, distance when possible, and monitor for symptoms for 10 days.

All individuals should contact the Office of Equity & Compliance at [equitycompliance@garrettcollege.edu](mailto:equitycompliance@garrettcollege.edu) for specific individual guidance.



**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).
- **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](mailto: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.