

COVID-19 Weekly Update- Student (For March 12- March 18, 2022)

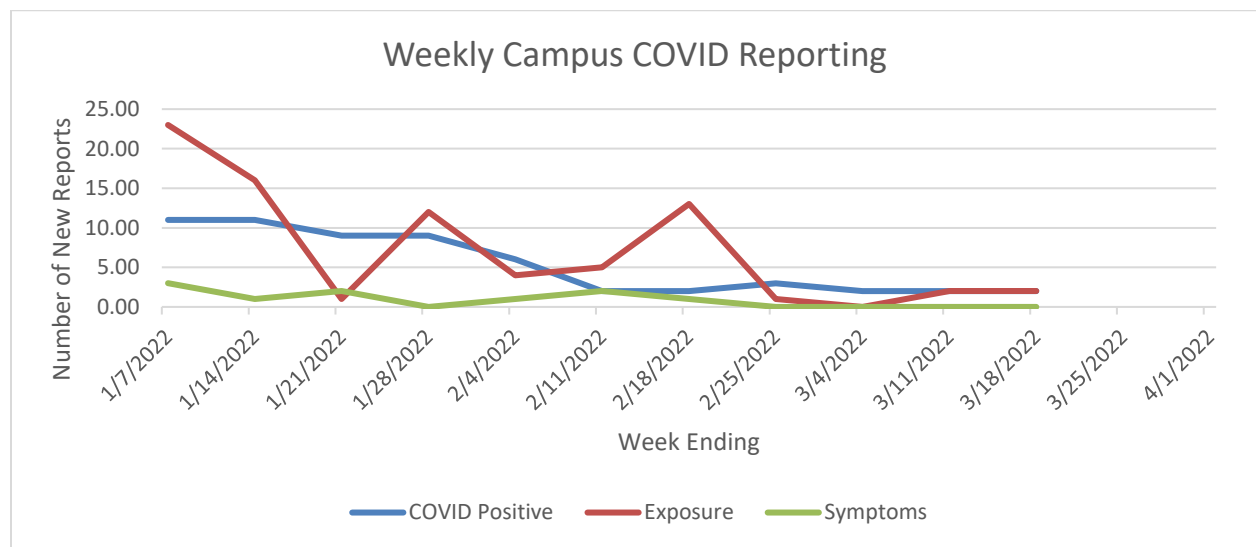
Regular COVID information is always available on the College’s COVID-19 Resource Page, available at <https://www.garrettcollege.edu/corona-virus.php> or by contacting equitycompliance@garrettcollege.edu.

Current COVID-19 Status (January 1, 2022 through 10:00 am Friday, March 18, 2022)

- 129 reports (includes positive cases, symptomatic individuals, close contacts, and potential exposures)- +4 from last update
- 56 confirmed positive cases- +2 from last update
- 0 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, March 18, 2022)

- [CDC Community Level](#)- Medium
- Case rate of 9.9 per 100,000 [same as last update]
- Positivity Rate of 17.7% (state rate is 1.47%) [county increased and state decreased from last update]
- Percentage of population (5+) fully vaccinated is **51.7%**



Masks Optional

Masking will be optional in most locations on-campus with a few exceptions:

- In classrooms as required by certain faculty.
- In private office settings as required by individual faculty or staff.
- As required to comply with NJCAA Region XX guidance.
- As required for isolation or quarantine cases.

Failure to comply with any 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) 488-4139

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>

Quarantine and Isolation Protocols- **UPDATED!**

Effective Sunday, March 13, 2022, Garrett College will follow the [shortened quarantine and isolation period](#) advised by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The protocols are as follows:

- Isolation:
 - Test positive, isolate for at least 5 days.
 - Return after 5 days if no fever for 24-hours and other symptoms have improved or were asymptomatic.
 - **Must mask** and avoid being around high-risk individuals for 10 days.
 - Individuals who were severely ill or are immunocompromised should isolate for 10 days.
- 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 at least 5 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 5 days, unless symptomatic.
 - Should test at least 5 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 at least 5 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 for specific individual guidance.



Health and Safety Protocol Reminders:

- **Masks/face coverings** are **optional** except for a few limited situations.
- **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.