

COVID-19 Weekly Update- Employee (For May 14- May 20, 2022)

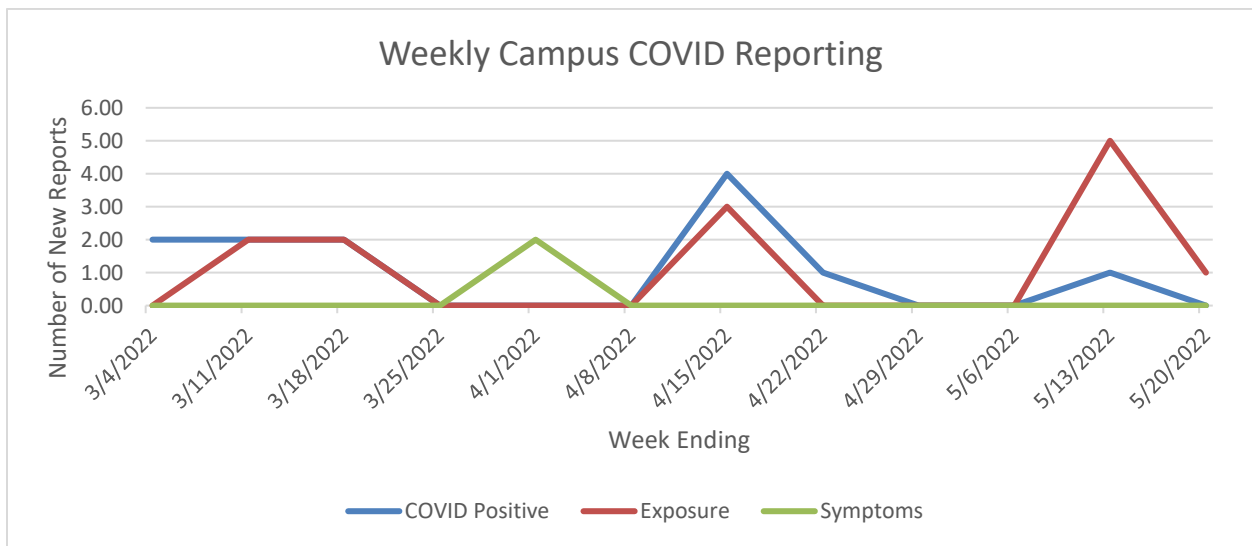
Regular COVID information is always available on the College’s COVID-19 Resource Page, available at <https://www.garrettcollege.edu/corona-virus.php> or by contacting equitycompliance@garrettcollege.edu.

College COVID-19 Status (January 1,2022 through 10:00 am Friday, May 20, 2022)

- 145 reports (includes positive cases, symptomatic individuals, close contacts, and potential exposures)- +1 from last update
- 62 confirmed positive cases- +0 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, May 20, 2022)

- [CDC Community Level](#)- Low
- Case rate of 15.7 per 100,000 [increased from last update]
- Positivity Rate of 12.8% (state rate is 8.39%) [both county and state increased from last update]
- Percentage of population (5+) fully vaccinated is **53.9%**



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; [CIAN Diagnostics \(ciandx.com\)](http://ciandx.com)
- WVU Medicine Urgent Care in McHenry (301) 387-8718
- UPMC Urgent Care in McHenry (240) 488-413

Test positive with an at-home kit? You can report your results here: [Maryland COVID Positive At-Home Test Report Portal / Maryland Portal to Report a Positive COVID Home Test Result | Maryland OneStop \(md.gov\)](#)

Every home can get a **third round of free at-home tests** from [COVID.gov/tests - Free at-home COVID-19 tests](https://www.covid.gov/tests).

Vaccinations

Employees are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated, or to get their boosters if eligible. 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> **No on-campus clinics are currently scheduled.**

Boosters: The [CDC](#) has approved second booster shots for the following individuals:

- People who received Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 vaccine for their first shot and booster
- Adults ages 50 years and older
- People who are moderately or severely immunocompromised

Quarantine and Isolation Protocols-

Garrett College's isolation/quarantine 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 in 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.