



DAEMEN COLLEGE COVID-19 PLAN - SPRING 2021

TESTING REQUIREMENT

The following persons are required to receive a COVID-19 virus test for the Spring 2021 semester (Amherst Campus):

1. Students registered to take at least 1 class in person, on campus.
2. Students living in residence through Daemen College including Canavan Hall, Campus Apartments, Collegiate Village, and Snyder Park.
3. Students participating in degree-related fieldwork, including but not limited to: clinical internship, clinical clerkship, student teaching.
4. Students participating in NCAA athletics.
5. Faculty teaching at least 1 course in person, on campus.
6. Staff/Employees working in person, on campus at least 1 day per week.
7. Persons who had a confirmed* close contact exposure (within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes within a 24-hour period) to a person who tested positive for COVID-19.

**Confirmation by a member of the CHIP Center or Contact Tracing Team.*

POSITIVE VIRUS TEST

Persons who have tested positive for COVID-19 within 3 months (November 15, 2020 – February 15 2021) of the semester starting, should not be tested per the [CDC guidance](#). Persons that meet this criteria must submit proof of their positive COVID-19 test result to the CHIP Center: daemen.edu/covid19upload. If approved, the person does not need to be tested for COVID-19 prior to the start of the semester. Please see the Travel Policy section (pages 3) for more information on traveling outside of New York State (NYS).

TESTING ON CAMPUS

COVID-19 virus testing (rapid antigen) is available on campus on select days, beginning January 4, 2021. There is no cost associated with the test. Individuals who meet the criteria for COVID-19 testing should self-select a test date that aligns with their arrival to campus, including but not limited to: moving into a residence hall, attending in person classes and teaching or working on campus on a regular basis. Scheduling tool: daemen.edu/covidtest.

Daemen College's CHIP Center is permitted to administer Abbott BinaxNOW COVID-19 Ag Card tests as part of their Limited Service Laboratory (NYS DOH CLIA Waiver#: 33D219937). This rapid antigen test has received U.S. Food and Drug (FDA) Emergency Use Authorization. The self-collected nasal swab will be conducted by the patient with instruction and results are available in 15 minutes.

NAVICA App

To deliver an electronic record of the test result, patients will be asked to download and create an account on the NAVIA App. When the patient arrives for testing, the tester will scan the QR code on the patient's phone, linking their test result. When the test result is available, the patient will receive a text message and email notifying them that their test result is available to view in the app.

ID Sticker & ERT Ambassador Program

As a continuation from the fall semester, an individual that completes the required COVID-19 test will receive a SP21' sticker for their college ID. To assist with campus reopening and education efforts, ERT Ambassadors (student assistants and professional staff) will be stationed at the entrances of buildings to verify that people have a SP21' sticker on their ID. Furthermore, ERT Ambassadors will be around campus to ensure that people are completing their daily health screening, wearing face coverings when they need to do so, and answering any other questions that they may have.

TESTING OFF CAMPUS

Individuals who meet the criteria for COVID-19 testing are permitted to obtain an independent COVID-19 virus test, separate from the tests being administered on campus. This includes anyone who may already be testing for another company or organization.

- If a person chooses to test off campus, they should do so within 7 days of returning to campus to ensure they have enough time to get a result back for a non-rapid virus test.
- All costs associated with testing off campus, independent of testing offered by the College are the responsibility of the individual being tested.

To test off campus, please complete the [Intent to Test on Own - Spring 2021](#) form to notify the CHIP Center. Upload your result to daemen.edu/covid19upload or fax the result to 716-839-8230.

SURVEILLANCE TESTING

The College will require surveillance testing during the semester. Additional information on persons required to be tested, dates and additional information will be sent out as needed. Additional COVID-19 virus tests may be approved for administration by the CHIP Center or Contact Tracing Team under the following circumstances:

1. Individual has a confirmed close contact exposure (within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes within a 24-hour period) to a person who tested positive for COVID-19. The close contact exposure must be confirmed by the CHIP Center or Contact Tracing Team.
2. Individual develops new or worsening [COVID-like symptoms](#).

3. Individual traveled outside of New York State (NYS) - see travel policy section below.

COVID-19 VACCINE

In accordance with public health guidelines, Daemen College will require all students living in campus housing, students participating in NCAA athletics and students studying abroad to get vaccinated when they are made available. All other community members will be strongly encouraged to be vaccinated through an on-campus clinic or on their own.

At this time, vaccines require two doses several weeks apart therefore, the series is not achieved until both doses have been recorded. Please note, being vaccinated or tested for COVID-19 does not void the College's policies on quarantine, isolation and travel outside of New York State.

For the Fall 2021 semester, all community members who opt out of being vaccinated will be required to sign an acknowledgement indicating that they are freely choosing not to take the vaccine and that they understand the risk in doing so.

Persons that have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine can submit proof to the CHIP Center online at daemen.edu/covid19upload or by fax to 716-839-8230.

TRAVEL POLICY

Anyone traveling out of state (see section below if you have tested positive within 90 days of travel) and returning to campus, must quarantine for 10 days. The College's policy is similar to the NYS travel policy, but does not make exceptions for border states. If you intend on traveling out of state, please email chip@daemen.edu with your travel information.

Travelers do have the option to "test out" of quarantine early if they follow the process outlined below. This applies to all students, faculty and staff.

- Within 3 days of arriving in New York State (NYS), the traveler must receive COVID-19 virus test #1.
- Upon arrival, the traveler must quarantine for 10 full days (excluding date of arrival to NYS).
- On day 4 of quarantine, the traveler must receive COVID-19 virus test #2.
- The traveler quarantine for 10 full days OR until 2 negative COVID-19 virus test results are on file with the CHIP Center.
- If approved, the traveler will receive confirmation from the CHIP Center or Contact Tracing Team to exit quarantine early.

Traveling Outside of NYS within 90 Days of Positive COVID-19 Virus Test

A person that travels outside of NYS within 90 days of testing positive for COVID-19 is required to quarantine for 3 full days after arriving in NYS. On day 4 of quarantine, if the person is symptom free, they may exit quarantine with approval from the CHIP Center or the Contact Tracing Team. Please note: a positive test result must be on file and approved by the CHIP Center to be approved for this option.

DAILY SCREENING (MY.DAEMEN.EDU)

All students, faculty and staff are required to complete the daily screening information prior to arriving on campus each day. To better reflect data that has been learned about COVID-19 over the course of the pandemic, as well as the updated guidance from the CDC and government, modifications were made to the questionnaire for the spring semester.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) REQUIREMENTS

The College's PPE requirements remain in effect. Face coverings, distancing, and room limits will be maintained at least through the spring 2021 semester. Efforts to re-educate and enforce these guidelines will continue through the semester.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Daemen Preparedness page](#)
- [COVID-19 Dashboard](#)