

## Four UPDATED General Practices

### 1. WEAR A FACE COVERING WHILE INDOORS

*SERVICE:* Regardless of your vaccination status, wear a face covering to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

### 2. EXERCISE APPROPRIATE PHYSICAL DISTANCING

*RESPECT:* Be aware and attentive to the needs of everyone around you.

### 3. PRACTICE FREQUENT HAND HYGIENE

*COMPASSION:* Care for everything and everyone with whom you come in contact.

### 4. SELF-SCREEN DAILY

*INTEGRITY:* Be honest about symptoms and take proper action if exposed.

## Maintaining a Healthy Campus

In this Year of RESPECT, the campus community will rely on everyone to responsibly do their part to maintain a safe and healthy campus as Saints United, which includes wearing a face covering while indoors and continuing to practice physical distancing while on campus or participating in university-related activities. Before the opening of the fall semester, everyone will be asked to commit to respectful behavior by electronically signing (through the USF portal) a covenant agreement that confirms you know and plan to abide by the current safety practices.

## COVID-19 Protocols

If you **exhibit symptoms of COVID-19**, you are required to:

- Isolate yourself from others.
- Contact your healthcare provider, then **students** should contact the USF Wellness Center at 815-740-3399, and **employees** should contact the USF Human Resources Department at [hr@stfrancis.edu](mailto:hr@stfrancis.edu) and their supervisor.
- If living on campus, contact USF Housing at 815-740 4293 and begin a 14-day isolation.
- Stay home until it is safe to be around others (as recommended by the Illinois Department of Public Health)\*.  
*\*Visit [stfrancis.edu/saints-united](https://www.stfrancis.edu/saints-united) for additional information.*

If you **test positive for COVID-19 or while you are awaiting test results:**

- a. **Students** should complete the Campus Leave Form (available on the Saints United website) and await additional instructions.
- b. **Employees** should contact the USF Human Resources Department at [hr@stfrancis.edu](mailto:hr@stfrancis.edu) and their supervisor and await additional instructions.

## Face Coverings

In accordance with the recommendation of the Illinois Board of Higher Education (which is aligned with CDC and IDPH guidance) USF will require the wearing of face coverings while indoors for all faculty, staff, students and visitors to the campus regardless of vaccination status (except when alone in your office/room) to maximize protection from and help to prevent the spread of the Delta variant.

## Self-Screening & Self-Reporting

While USF will no longer require use of the campus pass to screen for COVID-19 symptoms (although some instructors of courses taught in-person might require screening through the campus pass app prior to entering the classroom/learning space), **campus community members and visitors should continue to informally self-screen prior to arriving on campus or attending in-person class/events.** If you are exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms, the University requests that you do not access campus and take responsible action.

## Vaccinations

USF does not mandate, but strongly recommends, full vaccinations for members of the campus community (which includes students, employees, and campus guests). This practice is in line with how the University handles other vaccinations. For local vaccination opportunities, visit [stfrancis.edu/saints-united](https://stfrancis.edu/saints-united) and click on the "Vaccination Information" link.

Per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), individuals are considered fully vaccinated: a) Two (2) weeks after their second dose in a two-dose series, or b) Two (2) weeks after a single-dose vaccine.

## SAINTS UNITED

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# Fall 2021 COVID-19 Guidance (continued)

## Academic Courses

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Classrooms will be set up to facilitate physical distancing. Instructors of in-person courses will set and manage the learning environment beyond USF's Four (Updated) General Practices. This can include, but is not limited to, requiring students to utilize the campus pass app prior to entering the classroom/learning space. In-person course instructors will communicate this information directly to students.

## Healthy Dining

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Quest Food Service is committed to providing fresh, wholesome, scratch made foods on campus with complete cleanliness and sanitation practices. Dining services will resume as "normal" as possible with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Illinois Department of Public Health guidelines being followed.

## Residence Halls

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Residence Hall occupancy will return to pre-COVID standards. When students are assigned a room they will be informed if the room has single or double occupancy based on the square footage of the room. Those in double rooms will be assigned a roommate. This will aid with social engagement, community building and learning as a part of the residence hall experience.

Students are able to move in during an open window of time. For freshman students that is August 20, 2021, from 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. For new transfer students that is from August 20, 2021, from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. For returning students that is all day on August 22, 2021. Check in will take place in Marian Hall.

The residence hall guest policy will allow residents to have guests as outlined in the student code of conduct. Only vaccinated residents are able to have only vaccinated guests in their room. Non-vaccinated residents and all non-vaccinated guests will only be allowed to visit in the lobby with appropriate face coverings and physical distancing. The student is responsible for their guest(s) following these and all campus policies.

Visit the USF Housing Residency Policy web page for additional details on USF residence halls.

## Shuttle Bus Service

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Shuttle bus services between all three Joliet campuses will run regularly and at full capacity. Per federal mandate, all riders must wear a face covering while utilizing shuttle bus services or any other public transportation service (including USF field trips and athletic travel).

## International Students

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The USF International Programs Office will communicate directly with international students regarding specific COVID-19 practices or requirements. International students with specific questions should contact Allison Heard, USF Director of Institutional Diversity and Title IX Coordinator, at 815-740-5025 or [aheard@stfrancis.edu](mailto:aheard@stfrancis.edu).

## USF Athletics

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Student-athletes preparing to return to campus after August 1, 2021 are asked to note the following updates. Additional information will be communicated from coaches and the director of athletics as it becomes available.

### SCREENINGS

Prior to arrival, all student-athletes should have completed an athletic health assessment/COVID questionnaire that was emailed in July. Questionnaires will be reviewed by the athletic training staff and team doctor.

### GENERAL PRACTICES

Athletic teams must adhere to USF's COVID-related general practices. Face coverings will be required on the sidelines and in team meetings for all student-athletes and staff and for all members of athletic teams while in buses and on planes per federal travel guidelines.

### FAN ATTENDANCE

Fan attendance will be allowed with the required use of face coverings (indoor events only) and temperature scans.

## Moving Forward in the Face of COVID-19

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Please note that USF's guidance for safety practices may be modified based on CDC, IDPH, WCHD, or other applicable mandates. Stricter restrictions and guidelines may also be implemented due to increases in COVID-19 metrics or per the recommendation of the CDC, IDPH, and WCHD, and will be communicated accordingly through the USF email system and the Saints United website ([stfrancis.edu/saints-united](http://stfrancis.edu/saints-united)). Should the need to revert to the USF Preparedness Plan arise, this information will also be communicated through these channels.