COVID-19 Guideline Addendum – Fall 2021

*Students are expected to follow all COVID-19 related policies, procedures and guidelines stated in the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy COVID-19 Addendum.*

- **Face coverings**
  - Following guidance from the University System of Georgia, face coverings are recommended for all individuals while inside campus facilities.

- **How can I obtain the COVID-19 vaccine?**
  - University Health Center is scheduling appointments for students through the UHC Patient Portal ([https://patientportal.uhs.uga.edu/login_dualauthentication.aspx](https://patientportal.uhs.uga.edu/login_dualauthentication.aspx)). Learn more here – [https://www.uhs.uga.edu/healthtopics/covid-vaccine](https://www.uhs.uga.edu/healthtopics/covid-vaccine).
  - The Georgia Department of Health, pharmacy chains and local providers also offer the COVID-19 vaccine at no cost to you. To find a COVID-19 vaccination location near you, please go to: [https://georgia.gov/covid-vaccine](https://georgia.gov/covid-vaccine).
  - In addition, the University System of Georgia has made COVID-19 vaccines available at 15 campuses statewide and you can locate one here: [https://www.usg.edu/vaccination](https://www.usg.edu/vaccination).

- **What do I do if I have COVID-19 symptoms?**
  - Students showing COVID-19 symptoms should self-isolate and schedule an appointment with the University Health Center by calling 706-542-1162 (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5p.m.). Please DO NOT walk-in. For emergencies and after-hours care, see, [https://www.uhs.uga.edu/info/emergencies](https://www.uhs.uga.edu/info/emergencies).
  - Please see the applicable “Guidance on COVID-19 Decision Tree” for the College of Pharmacy for additional information on what to do if you experience symptoms.

- **What do I do if I test positive for COVID-19?**
  - If you test positive for COVID-19 at any time, you are **required to report it** through the [DawgCheck Test Reporting Survey](https://www.uhs.uga.edu/dawgcheck). We encourage you to stay at home if you become ill or until you have excluded COVID-19 as the cause of your symptoms. UGA adheres to current Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) quarantine and isolation guidance and requires that it be followed. Follow the instructions provided to you when you report your positive test result in DawgCheck.
  - Please see the applicable “Guidance on COVID-19 Decision Tree” for the College of Pharmacy for additional information on what to do if you test positive.
• **Guidelines for COVID-19 quarantine period**  
  *(As of 8/1/21; follow DawgCheck or see DPH website for most up-to-date recommendations)*  
  o Students who are fully vaccinated **do not** need to quarantine upon exposure unless they have symptoms of COVID-19 themselves. All others must follow the Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) recommendations:  
    - Students who are not fully vaccinated and have been directly exposed to COVID-19 but are not showing symptoms should self-quarantine for 10 days. Those quarantining for 10 days must have been symptom-free throughout the monitoring period and continue self-monitoring for COVID-19 symptoms for a total of 14 days. You should report the need to quarantine on DawgCheck *(https://dawgcheck.uga.edu/)*.  
    - Students, faculty and staff who have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 are no longer required to quarantine if they have been fully vaccinated against the disease and show no symptoms.  
      - Individuals are considered fully vaccinated 2 weeks after their second shot in a 2-dose series (e.g., Pfizer or Moderna vaccines) or 2 weeks after a single-shot vaccine (e.g., Johnson & Johnson’s Janssen vaccine).  
  o Please see the applicable “Guidance on COVID-19 Decision Tree” for the College of Pharmacy for additional information on what to do if you have close contact, or non-close contact with someone who has been diagnosed with or tested positive for COVID-19.

• **Hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette**  
  o Consistent [handwashing](https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/) with soap and water for at least 20 seconds is recommended. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer (at least 60% alcohol) if soap and water are not available. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.  
  o Everyone should cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or the inside of their elbow. Used tissues should be thrown in the trash and hands washed immediately with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

• **Monitoring conditions**  
  o Note that the guidance referenced in this addendum is subject to change based on recommendations from the Georgia Department of Public Health, the University System of Georgia or the Governor’s Office. For the latest on UGA policy, you can visit *[coronavirus.uga.edu](https://coronavirus.uga.edu)*.

• **Student compliance with COVID-19 guidelines**  
  o Students who fail to comply with COVID-19 safety policies and procedures may be subject to disciplinary action under the UGA Student Conduct and College of Pharmacy Professionalism Policy.

• **APPE students**  
  o The “General Attendance and Participation Guidance” and “General Exam and Assignment Guidance” sections of the COVID-19 Addendum do not apply to APPE students.
• APPE students are expected to follow COVID-19 guidance and requirements set by Experience Programs and individual sites.

• Well-being, mental health, and student support
  o University of Georgia
    ▪ If you or someone you know needs assistance, you are encouraged to contact Student Care & Outreach in the Division of Student Affairs at 706-542-7774 or visit https://sco.uga.edu/. They will help you navigate any difficult circumstances you may be facing by connecting you with the appropriate resources or services.
    ▪ UGA has several resources to support your well-being and mental health: https://well-being.uga.edu/.
    ▪ Counseling and Psychiatric Services (CAPS) is your go-to, on-campus resource for emotional, social and behavioral-health support: https://caps.uga.edu/, TAO Online Support (https://caps.uga.edu/tao/), 24/7 support at 706-542-2273. For crisis support: https://healthcenter.uga.edu/emergencies/.
    ▪ The University Health Center offers FREE workshops, classes, mentoring and health coaching led by licensed clinicians or health educators: https://healthcenter.uga.edu/bewelluga/
  o College of Pharmacy
    ▪ The College of Pharmacy Office of Student Affairs provides wellness and academic support resources and services to students. The list of resources is outlined in the PharmD Student Handbook. If you or someone you know may benefit from our services, please contact our office.

• Additional resources
  o See CDC website for additional up-to-date information: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html
  o See UGA website for additional COVID-19 information related to the university: https://coronavirus.uga.edu/
  o See the link below for College of Pharmacy COVID-19 information: https://rx.uga.edu/about/college-of-pharmacy-coronavirus-covid-19-updates-and-resources/
  o See Student Handbook for additional information on student resources: https://rx.uga.edu/students/current-pharmd-students/

General Attendance and Participation Guidance
• See your course syllabus for specific policies related to the items in this section.

• Didactic course recordings
  o See your course syllabus for specific policies.

• No penalties if unable to attend in-person due to COVID-19
  o Students will not be penalized if they cannot attend in-person sessions because they are ill, symptomatic, or in medical quarantine due to COVID-19. Course instructors will work
individually with these students to identify options to make up mandatory, in-person requirements (e.g., labs, IPPEs, etc.).

- Students who are fully vaccinated do not need to quarantine upon exposure unless they have symptoms of COVID-19 themselves.
  - UGA Student Care and Outreach will coordinate care and support for students who must isolate or quarantine due to exposure or symptoms related to COVID-19.
  - UGA Student Care and Outreach or the College of Pharmacy Office of Student Affairs will continue to notify faculty should students report a positive COVID-19 test result through DawgCheck.

- Communication with faculty
  - Students are required to contact the course coordinator and other appropriate faculty members if there is an issue related to COVID-19 that will impact attendance/participation for a course requirement. Course instructors will work individually with these students to identify options to manage issues that arise.

- Course withdrawal
  - In the event a student is unable to complete course requirements and needs to withdraw, the student should contact Dr. Duc Do in the Office of Student Affairs, who will work with UGA Student Care and Outreach as needed, to coordinate this process.

*General Exam and Assignment Guidance*

- See your course syllabus for specific policies related to the items in this section.

*Missed exams or assignments due to COVID-19*

- If a student misses an exam or assignment due to COVID-19, the course coordinator and other appropriate faculty member will work with the student to offer a makeup exam or assignment to the extent feasible and reasonable.
- Students are required to contact the course coordinator and any other appropriate faculty member in advance if there is an issue that will impact taking an exam or completing an assignment.
- UGA Student Care and Outreach will coordinate care and support for students who must isolate or quarantine due to exposure or symptoms related to COVID-19.
- UGA Student Care and Outreach or the College of Pharmacy Office of Student Affairs will continue to notify faculty should students report a positive COVID-19 test result through DawgCheck.