UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA
College of Pharmacy

COVID-19 Guideline Addendum – Spring 2022
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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.

CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

UGA adheres to guidance from the University System of Georgia and the recommendations from Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) related to quarantine and isolation. Since this may be updated periodically, we encourage you to review the latest guidance here. The following information is based on guidance last updated on December 29, 2021.

- **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). Learn more here – 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.
    - 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.

- **What do I do if I have COVID-19 symptoms?**
    - Students showing COVID-19 symptoms should self-isolate and get tested. You can 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.
    - 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? (Isolation guidance)**
    - If you test positive for COVID-19 at any time, either through a PCR test, an Antigen test, or a

home test kit, you are **required to report it** through the DawgCheck Test Reporting Survey. Follow the instructions provided to you when you report your positive test result in DawgCheck.

- As of December 29, 2021, when an individual receives a positive COVID-19 test: Everyone, regardless of vaccination status, should:
    - Stay home for 5 days.
    - If you have symptoms or your symptoms are resolving after 5 days, you can leave your house and return to class.
    - Continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.
- 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.

- **What do I do if I have been exposed to COVID-19? (Quarantine guidance)**
    - If you have been exposed (within 6 feet for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24- hour period – unmasked**) to someone with COVID-19 or to someone with a positive COVID-19 test and you are:
        - Boosted, or have become fully vaccinated within the last 6 months (Moderna or Pfizer vaccine) or within the last 2 months (J&J vaccine):
            - You do not need to quarantine at home and may come to class.
            - You should wear a mask around others for 10 days.
            - If possible, get tested on day 5.
            - If you develop symptoms, get tested and isolate at home until test results are received, then proceed in accordance with the test results.
        - Unvaccinated, or became fully vaccinated more than 6 months ago (Moderna or Pfizer vaccine) or more than 2 months ago (J&J vaccine) and have not received a booster:
            - You must quarantine at home for 5 days. After that you may return to class but continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.
            - If possible, get tested on day 5.
            - If you develop symptoms, get tested and isolate at home until test results are received, then proceed in accordance with the test results.

        ** "Masked-to-masked" encounters are not currently considered an exposure; this type of interaction would not warrant quarantine.

    - You should report the need to quarantine on DawgCheck (https://dawgcheck.uga.edu/), and communicate directly with your faculty to coordinate your coursework while in quarantine. If you need additional help, reach out to Student Care and Outreach (sco@uga.edu) for assistance.
    - 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**
    - Consistent [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.
    - 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.

- **Student compliance with COVID-19 guidelines**
    - 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**
    - 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.

- **COVID-19 Vaccinations (*PHARMD STUDENTS ONLY*)**
    - The majority of our placement sites are requiring students to provide documentation showing COVID-19 vaccination. If a student cannot provide documentation for a site-required COVID-19 vaccination, the Division of Experience programs will attempt to locate an alternate placement site for the experiential training. Students must be aware that it is possible that no suitable option will be available to provide the specific IPPE or APPE that is part of the UGA Doctor of Pharmacy program requirements, which will result in delayed progression for the student. If suitable sites are available, but are outside the geographic region of the student's current living arrangements, the student will be responsible for any and all costs associated with travel/relocating and completing the site clearance process. It is imperative that students understand sites may modify clearance requirements at any time, thus eliminating the site as an option for continued experiential training if the student refuses to comply with their policies, including but not limited to COVID-19 vaccination requirements, which may also result in delayed progression. Students should also be aware that progression could be delayed due to the time involved to identify potential alternate sites and/or complete site clearance processes.

- **Well-being, mental health, and student support**
    - *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/.
        - If you need help managing stress anxiety, relationships, etc., please visit BeWellUGA (https://www.uhs.uga.edu/bewelluga/bewelluga) for a list of FREE workshops, classes, mentoring, and health coaching led by licensed clinicians and health educators in the University Health Center.
        - The University Health Center offers FREE workshops, classes, mentoring and health coaching led by licensed clinicians or health educators: https://healthcenter.uga.edu/bewelluga/.
        - Additional resources can be accessed through the UGA App.
    - *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.

- **Monitoring conditions:**
    - 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 https://coronavirus.uga.edu/.

- **Additional resources**
    - See CDC website for additional up-to-date information: https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/s1227-isolation-quarantine-guidance.html
    - See UGA website for additional COVID-19 information related to the university: https://coronavirus.uga.edu/
    - 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/
    - 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**
  - See your course syllabus for specific policies.

- **No penalties if unable to attend in-person due to COVID-19**
  - 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.).
  - 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 StudentCare 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.
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