

Covid Attendance Policy

Attendance during a pandemic has changed the rules of school admissions throughout. Atria Medical Institute (AMI) requires faculty and staff to have completed the COVID vaccination series prior to the first class. The COVID vaccination and subsequent boosters are highly recommended for students. Students are responsible to self-evaluate when sick.

Watch for Symptoms

Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. (This list does not include all possible symptoms.)

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

According to CDC – “Students benefit from in-person learning” and to that end AMI will do all within its powers to maintain in-person learning. Masks are to be properly worn while in the building unless eating or drinking. Students who have come in contact with a COVID positive person, but are asymptomatic should continue with class, however, should wear a well-fitting mask, at all times, for 10 days. Remember we are learning to care for others. Let that start in this classroom.

IF YOU TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 – (ISOLATE)

Everyone, regardless of vaccination status.

- Stay home for 5 days.
- If you are asymptomatic or your symptoms are resolving after 5 days, you can leave your house.
- Continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.

If you have a fever, continue to stay home until your fever resolves.

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IF YOU WERE EXPOSED TO SOMEONE WITH COVID-19 – (QUARANTINE)

If you:

Have been boosted

OR

Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine within the last 6 months

OR

Completed the primary series of J&J vaccine within the last 2 months

- **Wear a mask around others for 10 days.**
- **Test on day 5, if possible.**

If you develop symptoms get tested and stay home.

If you:

Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine over 6 months ago and are **not** boosted

OR

Completed the primary series of J&J over 2 months ago and are not boosted

OR

Are unvaccinated

- **Stay home for 5 days. After that continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.**
- **If you can't quarantine, you must wear a mask for 10 days.**
- **Test on day 5 if possible.**

If you develop symptoms get tested and stay home

**Loss of taste and smell may persist for weeks or months after recovery and need not delay the end of isolation*

Students who are experiencing symptoms and have tested positive for COVID should contact the school and report their absence as well as their first day symptoms were noted. Students that are positive for COVID should follow CDC guidelines as noted above.

Contact the school and report COVID positive test

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Per CDC guidelines -People who are fully vaccinated with no COVID-like symptoms do not need to **quarantine** or be restricted from work following an exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.

Students in isolation for COVID during scheduled tests will be required to take the test as a proctored online test unless other circumstances prevail. Students must have pen and paper, dependable internet, and a device with visual capability during testing.

DEFINITION:

Quarantine vs. Isolation

- You **quarantine** when you might have been exposed to the virus.
- You **isolate** when you have been infected with the virus, even if you don't have symptoms.

Informational link: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/colleges-universities/considerations.html#section2>