

## Slippery Rock University Employee COVID-19 Information for 2022-23

The following are COVID-19 guidelines and protocols for Slippery Rock University employees for the 2022-23 academic year, as of Aug. 19, 2022:

### Masking

Masks are not required to be worn outside or inside campus buildings, except for the Student Health Center. However, the University encourages members of the campus community to wear masks in the following situations:

- if it is your personal preference,
- in high-risk environments (e.g., crowded spaces),
- by respecting the preference of individuals who might ask others to wear a mask in their presence,
- if you have been exposed to individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 (more guidance below under FAQs).

As members of a caring community, people at SRU are expected to notice instances when face masks might benefit one another and respect everyone's personal choice, without having a policy that covers all situations, especially when encountering people who are at-risk or have underlying health conditions.

### Vaccination

SRU does not require employees to provide proof of COVID-19 vaccinations. In the interest of preventing an outbreak on campus, the University encourages everyone to be vaccinated. Vaccines are available at local pharmacies, including Giant Eagle and Rite Aid (223 and 221 Grove City Road, Slippery Rock). If you need help determining if or when you need a booster shot, [the CDC offers an online tool to help](#).

### Testing

SRU no longer operates a Mass Testing Center for COVID, but employees can test off campus at [a pharmacy or by obtaining a take-home test](#).

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What do I do if I'm exposed to someone with COVID-19?

Anyone who was exposed to a person who tests positive for COVID-19 should wear a mask for 10 days from the time of contact and test after six days. Masks are recommended for days 6-10 even if you test negative. There are [varying levels of risk associated with an exposure](#), and the CDC defines a close-contact exposure as being less than 6 feet away from an infected person for a total of 15 minutes or more during a 24-hour period. Please refer to [the CDC website](#) and consult your primary care physician

### What if I have COVID-19 symptoms?

If anyone is experiencing [COVID-19 symptoms](#), such as fever, chills, coughing, or shortness of breath, they are recommended to be tested. They are also recommended to stay home from work until tests results are determined and submit leave requests and/or alert their supervisor as they would for a sick day.

### What happens if I test positive for COVID-19?

SRU employees are asked to isolate for either a minimum of five days or until symptoms subside following a positive COVID-19 test, [per CDC guidance](#).

### What is SRU doing to monitor the situation?

SRU is no longer performing case investigations or conducting surveillance testing involving employees, and case totals are not published on the University website. The University continues to monitor the situation, including case rates in the state, county and on campus through Student Health Services. The University will amend its policy and guidelines as needed.

For information, employees are advised to contact their primary care physician.