

Slippery Rock University Student Health Services | COVID-19 Information for 2022-23

The following are COVID-19 guidelines and protocols for Slippery Rock University students, 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, especially when encountering people who are at-risk or have underlying health conditions.

Vaccinations

As a public institution, SRU does not require members of the campus community to provide proof of COVID-19 vaccinations, although students are asked to upload their vaccine information to the [Student Health Services patient portal](#). 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 students who are sick can schedule an appointment to be tested at the Student Health Center by calling 724.738.2052, or they can test off campus at [a pharmacy or by obtaining a take-home test](#). Appointments at the SHC are made 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, during the academic year.

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](#) for further isolation and quarantine guidance.

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 class or work until tests results are determined.

What happens if I test positive for COVID-19?

SRU students who test positive for COVID-19 will need to isolate for either a minimum of five days or until symptoms subside, [per CDC guidance](#). If students are not able to isolate away from roommates, they are asked to return home. A limited number of isolation rooms are available for students living on campus. Also, if students tested positive off campus, they are asked to alert the Student Health Services by calling 724.738.2052. Any student who tests positive is required to notify their professor that they will be missing class and contact SHS to report their positive test. SHS will send students instructions through the [Student Health Portal](#) with a verification note to share with their professor, if needed.

What is SRU doing to monitor the situation?

Although SRU is no longer conducting surveillance testing for residence hall students and case totals are not published on the University website, SRU's Student Health Services staff are keeping track of reported cases. Additionally, SHS continues to monitor COVID-19 cases on campus, in Butler County and across Pennsylvania to evaluate its response, as it has since the start of the pandemic. The University will amend its policy and guidelines and possibly revert to previous safety protocols as conditions change.

For more information, contact SRU's Student Health Services at 724.738.2052.