



## Wabash College COVID-19 Plan

**Coordination with Montgomery County Health Department:** Wabash will work in close collaboration with the MCHD throughout the fall semester, as it has since March through direct contact with the MCHD and with campus doctors John Roberts and Scott Douglas, who also serve as the county's chief medical officers. Dr. Ann Taylor, head of the Healthy Campus Task Force, will be the principal point of contact.

**Daily Symptom Monitoring Program:** All members of the College's residential teaching and learning community are required to participate in a Daily Symptom Monitoring Program, "COVID Pass." Each day, students, faculty, and staff must access the web-based app (available at the Apple App Store) to enter their temperature, disclose if they have been in close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19, and complete a check list of symptoms. Each person will receive either a green "GO" (okay to come to campus) or red "Stop" (stay home and following instructions that will be provided). Failure to participate will lead to sanctions up to and including suspension of students and termination of employees.

**Mask Policy:** Wabash College's [mask policy](#) requires all faculty, staff, students, guests, and external contractors and vendors to wear masks when inside public spaces and outside when physical distancing of at least six feet can't be maintained. Individuals who do not follow the policy will face sanctions up to and including suspension of students and termination of employees.

**Signage:** The College has deployed a comprehensive signage campaign across campus, including: hand-washing clings above sinks; required face coverings in campus buildings; maximum classroom, meeting room, elevator, and restroom capacities; directional signage guiding the community to dedicated entrances and exits, stairwells, and hallways.

**Physical Distancing:** The College has conducted a comprehensive review of its facilities to determine the appropriate physical distance in classrooms, dining areas, administrative buildings, performance spaces, and living units. All classrooms have dramatically reduced capacity with seats, desks, and chairs separated by six feet or more; distance between instructors and students is at least 10 feet. Using the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health approach, all sleeping rooms in living units were measured and beds were spaced at least 10 feet from head-of-bed to head-of-bed. All independent students will utilize grab-and-go dining provided by Bon Appetit. In addition, Bon Appetit and Campus Cooks will deploy similar options in fraternities. Fraternity dining rooms have significantly reduced capacity. Tents have been erected to allow students to gather outside for meals or meetings at safe physical distances.

**Education:** The College has established an innovative CARE Team, which will promote peer public health education. Forty-five students serve as trained CARE Team Leaders and CARE Team Managers under the supervision of Pre-Health Advisor Jill Rogers and Coach Olmy Olmstead. The students will be deployed across all living units to model positive health behaviors, educate their peers, and to check in on the physical and mental well-being of students who may be in isolation or quarantine.

**Testing:** The College contracted with the CVS "Return Ready" program to provide pre-return COVID testing for all Wabash students. The tests provide an epidemiological baseline from which Wabash has developed its asymptomatic testing protocols. Wabash has contracted with Tempus to provide tests through the



Student Health Center for symptomatic students and for surveillance testing. Faculty and staff have been instructed to contact their healthcare provider if they receive a red “Stop” icon from the COVID Pass app.

**Contact Tracing:** In Indiana, contact tracing is done through the Indiana State Department of Health. Wabash is supplementing contact tracing through the use of seven members of the campus staff who serve as Case Managers. The College’s Case Managers have been trained using the Johns Hopkins contact tracing certification program. To assist with contact tracing, all students will be assigned a specific bed in living units and strict classroom seating charts will be used to identify the location of all students and those in proximity. Wabash will quarantine students who are identified as close contacts as soon as possible after a positive case is identified on campus. Student CARE Team members will also assist with contact tracing.

**Isolation and Quarantine:** Wabash has developed policies and protocols for students who have been diagnosed with COVID-19; they will have the option of isolating at home or in the College’s dedicated isolation house. Students who are identified as close contacts will quarantine at home; in their living space if they are in single rooms; or in a dedicated quarantine facility on campus. Students who are quarantined or isolated will receive support from Case Managers and CARE Team Leaders, including academic support, mental well-being checks, and food service.

**HVAC Systems and Controls:** After reviewing documentation released in April on infectious aerosols produced by the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and Air conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), as well as recommendations by the CDC, the College conducted a comprehensive review of its HVAC systems and controls. In collaboration with Heapy Engineering and Siemens Controls, the College adjusted its systems to operate at loaded design capacity 24 hours a day to maximize ventilation in all facilities.

**Cleaning:** Sodexo Campus Services will use approved cleaning and disinfecting products according to manufacturer’s instructions in all public areas of campus on a daily basis. Employees will wear gloves when cleaning and will renew disinfectant every 20 minutes or less when cleaning a specific area. Sodexo staff will clean all horizontal and vertical surfaces to hand height, especially frequently touched points including: light switches/pulls, door handles and plates, tables, desks, chairs, cabinets, and keyboards. Cleaning supplies have been placed in all classrooms and offices.

**Athletics, Events, and Activities:** The College has suspended its intercollegiate athletics program through December 31, 2020. In addition, Wabash has [specific protocols for events](#) and activities with priorities for those that are pedagogically focused or led by students. Events require multiple levels of approval; should be held virtually to the extent possible or held outside when virtual is not possible; and events may not exceed stated room capacities. Attendance is required at events with 10 or more people. Audience members at larger events will be given assigned seats and the seating chart will be kept on file for future contact tracing purposes.

**Guest Policy:** Guests are individuals who are not participating in Wabash’s daily health symptom monitoring program. Guests should be limited as much as possible, and mechanisms for guests to participate virtually should be prioritized (if they are necessary). Faculty and staff hosts should record the name, phone number, and date and time of their guests’ visit; students should report the same information to their RA or fraternity president or risk manager.

**Flu Shots:** Wabash is requiring all students, faculty, and staff to receive the flu vaccine.