The CDC adopted new guidelines for isolation and quarantine at the end of December 2021. Georgia Department of Public Health adopted these new guidelines along with the USG. In accordance with these updates, see below for updated suggested syllabus statements. UGA is continuing to monitor the Omicron variant and will update this language as needed.

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**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](https://www.uhs.uga.edu/healthtopics/covid-vaccine). 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](https://patientportal.uhs.uga.edu/login_dualauthentication.aspx)). Learn more here – [https://www.uhs.uga.edu/healthtopics/covid-vaccine](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](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](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](https://www.uhs.uga.edu/info/emergencies).

**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 receive a positive COVID-19 test: Everyone, **regardless of vaccination status**, should:

- Stay home for 5 days.
- If you have no 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.

**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.

**Well-being, mental health, and student support**

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/](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/](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/](https://caps.uga.edu/), TAO Online Support ([https://caps.uga.edu/tao/](https://caps.uga.edu/tao/)), 24/7 support at 706-542-2273. For crisis support: [https://healthcenter.uga.edu/emergencies/](https://healthcenter.uga.edu/emergencies/).

The University Health Center offers FREE workshops, classes, mentoring and health coaching led by licensed clinicians or health educators: [https://healthcenter.uga.edu/bewelluga/](https://healthcenter.uga.edu/bewelluga/)

**Monitoring conditions:**
Note that the guidance referenced in this syllabus 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 [coronavirus.uga.edu](http://coronavirus.uga.edu).