



## 2023/2024 COVID-19 Protocols

If a student experiences any of the common symptoms associated with COVID-19, the student should take the following steps:

1. As with any contagious illness, if you are coughing or are feverish, please do not attend class. Contact the Cairn Health Center (215-702-4334), your family doctor, or a local health clinic and stay home for any time as directed.
2. If you are sick and have tested positive for COVID, it is best for you not to attend class in person. This is a contagious virus. Before returning to class, you should be fever free for at least 24 hours without having taken any fever reducing medications and not have a congested cough.
3. Class absences should be used as they would for other common illnesses. Students should use allowed absences wisely should the need for a more prolonged absence arise.
4. All students should coordinate with their professors and classmates to stay caught up on course content.
5. Students are free to wear masks at their own personal discretion and should do so when instructed by a healthcare professional.
6. If you test positive for COVID, please notify and send test results to the nurse, Robyn Brogan ([rbrogan@cairn.edu](mailto:rbrogan@cairn.edu)).
7. As a courtesy, please inform close contacts that they may have been exposed to COVID-19.
8. If COVID-19 symptoms persist and the Cairn nurse or your doctor recommend an extended absence in order to care for your personal health needs, you should submit documentation to the Coordinator of Disability Services ([epotts@cairn.edu](mailto:epotts@cairn.edu)) and nurse ([rbrogan@cairn.edu](mailto:rbrogan@cairn.edu)). The ARC reviews documentation, verifies the legitimacy of the student's circumstances and determines appropriate and reasonable accommodations.
9. If a documented illness takes a student over the maximum 30% absence threshold, and the student receives a failing grade for the course, the student may appeal the grade with the appropriate faculty.

## Frequently Asked Questions

1. **How do I know when I can go back to class?**  
You should be fever free for at least 24 hours without having taken any fever reducing medications and not have a congested cough.
2. **Can I attend my classes on Zoom/remotely?**  
No, "remote learning," - the opportunity to "attend" classes via Zoom while unable to attend in person - was utilized while COVID-19 policies required any number of students to miss classes due to isolation and quarantine protocols. As COVID-19 has become a more isolated phenomenon and, therefore, should not infringe on the university's course attendance threshold with great frequency, the opportunity to attend classes via Zoom will no longer be considered standard protocol. Zoom attendance should not be expected and is solely at faculty discretion.
3. **What happens if I have complications from Covid due to other health issues?**  
If COVID symptoms persist and the Cairn nurse or your doctor recommend an extended absence in order to care for your personal health needs, you should submit documentation to the Coordinator of Disability Services ([epotts@cairn.edu](mailto:epotts@cairn.edu)) and the nurse ([rbrogan@cairn.edu](mailto:rbrogan@cairn.edu)). The ARC reviews documentation, verifies the legitimacy of the student's circumstances and determines appropriate and reasonable accommodations.
4. **How do I access meals when I am sick?**  
You should contact your RA and/or RD should you need assistance with meals.