



COVID-19 Preparedness Plan for 2022 - 2023

Rationale

MITy prioritizes the health and safety of its students and staff and will continue to follow the appropriate [Center for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#), [Minnesota Department of Health \(MDH\)](#) and [American Camp Association \(ACA\)](#) guidelines for all of its in-person programs.

All plans and programs are subject to change based on new or developing information from these agencies or other community partners. Families will be notified of any updates or changes as necessary. Questions about this plan should be directed to the Executive Director at ebrewins@macalester.edu or (651) 696-6591.

Vaccination Requirement

- Expand Your Mind (EYM) Program: All students must submit proof of full Covid-19 vaccination, including booster(s) if eligible, by June 1, 2023 unless a reasonable accommodation is approved by the Executive Director.
- ExplorSchool and Your Extraordinary Saturday (YES) Programs: All students are strongly encouraged to be vaccinated against Covid-19. As each session approaches, enrolled families will be notified of current safety requirements.
- All MITy teachers and staff must submit proof of full Covid-19 vaccination, including booster(s), at least one month before the start of their in-person session(s) unless a reasonable accommodation is approved by the Executive Director.
- How: Covid-19 vaccination is free regardless of health insurance. Go [here](#) to find a vaccine location near you.
- Acceptable Proof: Image of vaccination card or healthcare document showing vaccination status.
- Confidentiality: Vaccination status is considered confidential medical information and will be treated as such by MITy staff.
- Reasonable Accommodation: May be requested for a medical reason or due to a sincerely held religious belief.

Masking

- Expand Your Mind (EYM) Program: All students and staff are required to wear a high quality mask (N95, KN95, etc.) while using common areas of buildings (hallways, restrooms, lounges, etc.). Fully vaccinated participants may remove their masks inside MITy classrooms, events and residence halls. Participants who are not vaccinated are expected to wear a high-quality mask (N95, KN95, etc.) at all times while inside Macalester buildings. Masks may only be removed while eating or when a person is

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alone in a room. Depending on transmission levels in Ramsey county as determined by the CDC, all participants may be required to wear a high-quality mask at all times while inside Macalester buildings.

- ExplorSchool and Your Extraordinary Saturday (YES) Programs: Fully vaccinated participants are not required to wear a mask but may choose to do so. Participants who are not fully vaccinated are expected to wear a high-quality mask (N95, KN95, etc.) at all times while inside the building with the exception of eating.
- Everyone is welcome to wear a mask in any setting; please support those who choose to do so.
- Families are required to provide high-quality masks (N95, KN95, etc.) for EYM students and other students as needed.

Health Screenings and Preventive Measures

- Students and staff who have symptoms of respiratory or gastrointestinal infections, such as cough, fever, sore throat, vomiting, or diarrhea, should stay home and contact the MITY Office. Testing is recommended for people with [symptoms of COVID-19](#) as soon as possible after symptoms begin.
- If the [local positive test rate](#) is trending above 5%, all EYM residential students are expected to show a negative test result within 24 hours of coming to campus.

Action Plan in Case of Illness

If a student exhibits symptoms of COVID-19 during a program, they will be moved to an isolation room and parents/guardians will be contacted.

- Commuter students are expected to leave campus (or not come to campus) until their symptoms have resolved and/or they have a negative COVID-19 test result.
- Residential students who are able to leave campus should follow the commuter student guidelines above. Residential students who are unable to leave campus should remain in their room until they have been tested, unless using the restroom, and should be masked at all times outside of their room.
- Students/staff who test positive for COVID-19 should contact the MITY office immediately and follow [CDC guidelines](#). You must isolate for a minimum of five (5) days regardless of vaccination status and wear a mask around others for ten (10) days.
- MITY will notify individuals who may have been in [close proximity](#) to the person who exhibited COVID-19 symptoms. These individuals may be required to quarantine according to [CDC guidelines](#) depending on vaccination status, a positive COVID-19 viral test within 90 days, and symptoms.