



Guidelines for Quarantine/Isolation

Due to changing guidelines, students may be required to quarantine/isolate. Colby Community College students will be required quarantine/isolate if they meet the conditions outlined by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). In addition, the College will adhere to the guidelines put forth by Thomas County Health Officials, that under certain conditions are more restrictive than the guidelines set forth by KDHE.

Residence Life/Dorms

CCC continues to work closely with local health authorities on best practices for students living in the dorms. Please do your best to adhere to all guidelines.

- Any on-campus resident who may have been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 should follow instructions provided by local public health officials, including possible temporary relocation to alternate housing for self-quarantine and monitoring for symptoms. If a student is relocated to quarantine, meals will be delivered, and the student should be familiar with the Isolation Rules. Students expecting mail or packages during this time need to contact the Director of Residence Life at (785 460-5552), and Dr. Franklin will deliver the items to their location.
- Students are not permitted to enter other student's living areas/rooms nor are other students allowed into the quarantine/isolation room. Additionally, students cannot gather in commons areas or be within 6' of anyone under any circumstances and are not to spend more than 10 minutes with any individual. If a student who has been quarantined/isolated must leave their room for any reason, they are required to wear a mask at all times. Failure to comply could result in dismissal from the institution.
- Sanitizing wipes and sprays will be put in each bathroom for students to clean on a more regular basis as they wish.
- If a student develops symptoms of COVID-19 while living in the residence halls:
 - Students must contact the Vice President of Student Affairs (785-460-5490) and the Thomas County Health Department (785-460-4596) immediately.
 - Students will be asked to return to their homes/residence hall to self-isolate, if possible. They should also contact the CCC TeleHealth Line at 785.405.0501 to determine testing availability.
- If not possible, the student will be quarantined in Embree Hall or off-campus housing as arranged.
 - If quarantined on campus, the student will not be allowed to leave the designated room under any circumstances;
 - Meals will be delivered;
 - Each quarantine room has a refrigerator and microwave;
 - College personnel will monitor the student through phone calls, emails, etc.;
 - All students in quarantine/isolation will be assigned a medical and mental health professional;
 - The CCC President, Vice President of Academic Affairs, and Vice President of Student Affairs will work together to ensure students' educational needs are accommodated.
- Students will bring what they need to live comfortably. A link to FAQs is found here: <https://www.colbycc.edu/student-life/housing/res-life-faqs/index.html>

- Students need to be prepared for a quarantining period (please bring personal artifacts, toiletries, bedding, necessary school supplies, etc.)
- Students may utilize the college washing machines and dryers, but need to schedule a time with Residence Life to ensure others are not in there with you. Students will be encouraged to wear a mask and gloves while in the laundry facility. Additionally, when finished, students will need to wipe down all machines with the provided disinfectant spray/sanitary wipes (provided by CCC).

Isolation/Quarantine Measures

Colby Community College shall take the following steps to ensure that if a student, staff, or faculty member develops or reports primary COVID-19 symptoms while on campus:

- The person should immediately return to their place of residence or isolate in a designated isolation area until they can safely return to their residence or be transported to a health care facility. Students living on campus will be relocated to a designated isolation/quarantine area, with staff support and symptom monitoring by a health professional wearing appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).
- The person should seek medical care and COVID-19 testing from their regular health care provider or through the local public health authority (785-460-4596). Students should follow instructions from their local public health authority regarding isolation.
- If the person has a positive COVID-19 viral (PCR) test, they should remain at their place of residence for at least 10 days after illness onset and 72 hours after a fever (if present) is gone, without the use of fever-reducing medicine, and other symptoms are improving.
- A person with a negative viral test (and if they have multiple tests, all tests are negative) should remain at their place of residence until 72 hours after a fever (if present) is gone, without the use of fever-reducing medicine, and other symptoms are improving.
- If the person does not undergo COVID-19 testing, the person should remain at their place of residence until 72 hours after fever (if present) is gone, without the use of fever-reducing medicine, and other symptoms are improving.
- Any faculty, staff, or student known to have been exposed to COVID-19 should stay in their place of residence for 14-days and follow instructions from the local public health authority. Faculty and staff should work with a supervisor to establish a remote working schedule.

COVID-19 Student Adherence Policy

If a student is found to knowingly violate established COVID-19 institutional and county practices, the institution reserves the right to potentially remove the individual from the campus. These violations include but are not limited to: not adhering to quarantine/isolation protocols, refusal to take a COVID-19 test as directed by the Thomas County Health Department or Citizen's Health, not adhering to social distancing/mask protocols, and lying about potential exposure or recommendations made by local health officials. The authority to issue an involuntary withdrawal rests with the Vice President of Student Affairs and the President. All supporting documentation of this decision will be provided to the Board of Trustees.