

UVF FAQs for Arriving on Campus Fall 2022

PREPARING TO ARRIVE ON CAMPUS:

Will I have to quarantine before coming to campus?

- No. UVF asks all students to self-monitor (take your temperature/check for symptoms) before returning to campus. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [symptoms of Covid-19 can be found here.](#)

Do I need to get a Covid-19 test before I arrive on campus?

- No.
- All students are encouraged to take a COVID test before coming on campus, but test results will not be collected.
- Students showing possible symptoms must take a COVID-19 test before coming to campus. Any positive results must be reported to the Health Center at healthcenter@valleyforge.edu.

Do I have to be vaccinated for Covid-19, or does my [Covid-19 vaccination have to be up to date](#) to arrive on campus?

- No. UVF does not require that you be vaccinated or that your vaccine is up to date to attend classes or live on campus.

My Covid-19 vaccination is up to date. Does UVF require me to submit documentation?

- No.
- UVF will, however, ask for a student's vaccination documentation if they are exposed to Covid-19 and the documentation is not already on file at the Health Center in order to determine the appropriate form of quarantine. Students are asked to have a picture of the front and back of their Covid-19 vaccination card available.
- Students that wish to have their vaccination documentation on file at the Health Center should email the Health Center at healthcenter@valleyforge.edu with a picture of the front and back of their vaccination card, or send an updated immunization record from their doctor's office, or bring their vaccination card with them to check-in.
- Please note: You are [up to date with your COVID-19 vaccines](#) when you have received all doses in the primary series and all boosters recommended for you, when eligible.

Is there anything special I should bring to campus?

- All students are required to bring a thermometer, disinfectant, and cleaning supplies for their room. Students are also asked to bring a well-fitting mask (in case of exposure or infection) and hand sanitizer.

- UVF recommends that all students bring one or two Covid-19 rapid tests they can take should the need arise. UVF has a limited supply of Covid-19 tests on hand that will be used for symptomatic students while supplies last.

Will I be assigned an arrival time?

- Yes. New students have been assigned an arrival time on Thursday, August 25 based on the first letter of their last name (A-I = 9-10 a.m.; J-R = 10-11 a.m.; S-Z = 11-noon.).
- Returning students can arrive either Saturday, August 27 or Sunday, August 28 and have a staggered arrival time on either of those days based on the first letter of their last name (A-I = 2-3 p.m.; J-R = 3-4 p.m.; S-Z = 4-5 p.m.).
- Student-athletes and leaders should see their coach or advisor for their assigned arrival dates and times.

How many people am I allowed to bring with me to help me move in?

- UVF recommends that you bring no more than two people with you to help you check in and move in. Please make sure everyone in your party is symptom- and fever-free.

How long can those who are helping me to move in stay on campus?

- New student guests may remain on campus until after the Welcome Service Thursday evening. Returning students' guests are asked to leave campus after moving in their student.

What should I do if I start to show symptoms before I arrive?

- If you have [symptoms](#) or a fever within 10 days of your return, make plans to take a Covid-19 test and contact the Health Center (healthcenter@valleyforge.edu) for next steps.

ARRIVING ON CAMPUS AND UVF COVID-19 TESTING:

What will check-in look like?

- Check-in will begin at the tent outside of the Harrup Administration Building. Students and their guests will take a short symptom screening. Parties will be escorted to the Student Center/Anvil and/or to Cardone Hall to finalize their financial plan (if needed), receive their room key, etc.

Do I (or those in my party) need to wear a mask at check-in?

- No. Students and guests are welcome to wear a mask if they desire to do so.

Will there be any temperature checks or other screenings required when I come to campus?

- Yes. You and those in your party will take a short symptom screening survey before you check in.

What if I don't pass the screening when I arrive?

- We will work with you to finish check-in and begin your classes. The Director of our Health Center and a member of our Student Life team will meet with you about your options and help you finish check-in through a separate process.

Do I have to sign a waiver related to COVID-19 when I arrive?

- No, not specifically related to COVID-19. UVF students will, however, be asked to sign a covenant of commitment, called the Community Life Addendum, to support the health and wellbeing of our community. New students will be asked to sign a liability waiver related to New Student Orientation activities.

Will there be any regular temperature checks or screenings required?

- Yes. Students will be asked to report their temperature and any symptoms on a screening survey administered periodically throughout the semester.
- Students will also be asked to self-monitor their symptoms and report any symptoms of illness or a temperature 100.4 F or greater to the Health Center at healthcenter@valleyforge.edu.
- Student-athletes will follow testing and temperature testing protocols required by their sport, the CSAC Conference, and the NCAA (see "For Student-Athletes" below).

What if I need to arrive late to campus, because of COVID-19, after my scheduled check-in day?

- Students that know they are returning late to campus should email studentlife@valleyforge.edu (returning students) or their admissions counselor (new students) to indicate their plans.

HEALTH AND SAFETY:

What happens if there is a positive COVID-19 case on campus?

- Appropriate contact tracing and notification to those who may have been exposed will take place with guidance from local health authorities. The person testing positive will be asked to isolate per health department directives, and exposed persons may be asked to quarantine depending on their level of exposure and whether their vaccination is up to date.
- UVF follows [CDC guidelines for quarantine and isolation](#).

If I am up to date on my COVID-19 vaccine; do I have to quarantine if I am exposed to COVID-19?

- No. You will be required to wear a well-fitting mask for 10 days and monitor your symptoms.
- Please note: You are [up to date with your COVID-19 vaccines](#) when you have received all doses in the primary series and all boosters recommended for you, when eligible.

What is the difference between quarantine and isolation?

- Quarantine: separates and restricts the movement of people who were exposed to a contagious disease to see if they become sick. Students in quarantine may often be able to stay in a quarantine room on their floor/in their building and may leave their room for life-sustaining reasons (picking up food from the Dining Commons or grocery store).
- Isolation: separates sick people with a contagious disease from people who are not sick. Students in isolation will move to an isolation floor and may only leave their room to receive medical attention.

If I test positive, where will I isolate?

- Students may isolate at home or in university isolation housing. Isolation housing has been reserved on campus in areas separated from healthy students. Students who isolate on campus will be provided with instructions, sign a waiver, and receive pre-packaged meals from the Dining Commons. It is important to note that UVF is not a medical facility and cannot provide medical care for those in isolation, although regular check-ins by UVF staff will occur.

Will I have to wear a mask on campus?

- No. Students are welcome to wear a mask if they desire to do so.

Will there be COVID-19 testing available on campus?

- Yes, for students-athletes that require testing, and for students who need to be tested because they are symptomatic or in quarantine/isolation (while supplies last). UVF recommends that all students bring one or more COVID-19 rapid tests they can take should the need arise.

Will there be transportation provided to a testing site if I have COVID-19 symptoms?

- Yes. If a student is advised to take a COVID-19 test that requires transportation, and they do not have the ability to provide their own transportation.

Will the Health Center have extended hours?

- Yes, as necessary. Updated hours will be posted on MyValleyForge and outside the Health Center office.

GATHERINGS AND EVENTS:

Are there any restrictions on social gatherings or room capacity due to COVID-19?

- No, not at this time

Will the Anvil/Student Center be open?

- Yes. The Anvil/Student Center will be open for students. Students are encouraged to clean recreational items before and after use, and wash their hands frequently.

What is Chapel going to look like?

- At this time, there are no restrictions on gatherings. Most chapels will be held in the Flower Chapel. Small group chapels will be scheduled and announced.

Will there be Chapel exemptions available if I have a fever or any cold/flu/COVID-19 symptoms?

- Students who must quarantine or isolate due to fever, cold/flu/COVID-19 symptoms often have virtual options for participating in chapel. If their symptoms are such they cannot participate in virtual options, they will receive a medical exemption. A student may submit a doctor's note or request a medical exemption by contacting the Health Center at healthcenter@valleyforge.edu.

HOUSING:

Will there be open lounges or open dorms?

- Yes. Open lounges begin Monday, August 29 (with the first day of classes) and open dorms begin Friday, September 9.

Are off-campus guests allowed on campus or in the residence halls?

- Yes, per the Student Handbook. Guests should be symptom-free and have not tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 10 days.

Will I be allowed to have overnight guests on campus?

- Yes, per the Student Handbook. Guests should be symptom-free and have not tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 10 days. Students will be required to fill out an Overnight Guest form prior to their guest's arrival on campus.

DINING:

What changes will be made with dining now that most restrictions are lifted?

- Although some safety measures remain in place, most dining services are under normal operations.

Will I be able to get my meals ‘to-go’?

- Yes. All students on a meal plan will receive a re-usable ‘to-go’ container. Students will bring this container with them to the Dining Commons to use when taking food to go.

Will Jazzman’s be open as normal?

- The hours of operation will remain the same.

What else should I know about dining for the fall?

- We will continue to prepare healthy and varied meals with quality and safety as our top concern. We are always available for feedback and welcome your input.

ACADEMICS:

Will seated classes be accessible remotely through Teams if I’m experiencing COVID-19-like symptoms?

- Yes. If a student is required to isolate or quarantine, the student will be able to access the classroom instruction remotely via Microsoft TEAMS upon permission from the Health Center.

Will masks be required while attending seated classes?

- No, although students are welcome to wear masks in class.

FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES (From NCAA and CSAC requirements):

Will I have to be tested in order to play?

- Student-athletes will follow all UVF guidelines on a day-to-day basis. Should a student-athlete become infected or exposed, UVF follows NCAA “Return to Play” guidelines. See your coach for more information.

Will I have to monitor my daily symptoms?

- Yes, you will have to complete a daily symptom check in season and out of season via your ATS Athlete Portal. All student-athletes (vaccinated or not) will be required to complete this check in order to be allowed to participate in any sport activity.
- If symptomatic, you will be contacted by our Head Athletic Trainer for further instructions.

Do I have to wear a mask while participating in practice, games, or voluntary activities?

- No. No masking mandate is currently in place.

I am [up to date on my Covid-19 vaccine](#); do I have to quarantine if I am exposed to COVID-19?

- No, unless you are symptomatic. You will, however, be required to wear a well-fitting mask for 10 days while around other people.

QUESTIONS:

Contact studentlife@valleyforge.edu with other questions.