

COVID-19 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Do I need to wear a mask?

A: At this time, masks will be optional in campus venues and at all campus events. Professors have the discretion to require students to wear a mask in class or in an office setting, especially if the professor has a vulnerable health condition.

Q: Should I get a COVID-19 test if I am asymptomatic?

A: Students are certainly free to pursue a test at their discretion, however the free test offered through partnership with the Braden Clinic is only for those displaying symptoms of COVID-19.

Q: What do I do if I am sick or have symptoms of COVID-19?

A: Do not attend class or work if you have symptoms of COVID-19 or any other communicable illness. Consult a physician/medical provider regarding symptoms and potential further testing. Also, follow doctor's orders regarding testing, self-isolation and/or quarantine.

Q: Where can I go to get a COVID-19 Test?

A: Students with *symptoms* of COVID-19 can get a free test at the [Braden Clinic](#), located at 5068 Annunciation Circle (Suite 111) in Ave Maria. A valid student ID will be required. Please note, the University will not cover testing if a student does not have symptoms of COVID-19.

Q: How do I arrange for free testing at the Braden Clinic?

A: Students needing a test can go to the back door of the [Braden Clinic](#) and ring the doorbell between 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Monday - Friday.

Q: Where can I get a medical or health evaluation?

A: The University is offering a campus nurse on call Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. You can reach her at covid.management@avemaria.edu or call (239) 304-7945.

Currently, Lee County is offering free 24 hour telehealth for students <https://www.leehealth.org/our-services/telemedicine/lee-telehealth>. Students can do pre-COVID-19 screening through this service to determine if testing or other care is needed.

Q: What do I do if I test positive for COVID-19?

A: Students who test positive for COVID-19 should contact the campus nurse at covid.management@avemaria.edu or call (239) 304-7945 with their test results and for further information.

Q: How do I get food if I am sick and isolating in my room?

A: Students who test positive for COVID-19 should contact the campus nurse at covid.management@avemaria.edu. She will arrange for food to be delivered to their room.

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Q: How long do I need to remain isolated in my room if I test positive for COVID-19?

A: Students who test positive for COVID-19 will be expected to follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines for isolating in their residence until:

- 10 days since symptoms first appeared and
- 24 hours with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications

Q: What do I do about my classes if I test positive for COVID-19?

A: Students who test positive for COVID-19 must first contact the University nurse at covid.management@avemaria.edu in order to be excused from class and to receive course accommodations while in isolation. Professors will be unable to grant an accommodation without notification from the University nurse, following a positive test or an official medical note from a doctor.

After first contacting the nurse, students should then contact their professors to alert them of their absence. Professors will be available through Teams during office hours. Isolating students may also make use of remote tutoring via Teams. Adaptive Services will supply notes to isolating students if there is an assigned course note-taker.

Q: Can I stay on campus if I test positive for COVID-19?

A: Students who test positive for COVID-19 and live on campus will be allowed to stay in their room, but expected not to enter other University buildings or gatherings with members of the AMU community until their isolation period is complete.

Q: What do I do if my roommate or someone I was in close contact with tests positive for COVID-19?

A: Students who room with a person who tests positive for COVID-19 may continue to attend classes and activities provided they have no symptoms of COVID-19.

Students in close contact or living with someone who is sick should be acutely aware of any possible symptoms they may develop and proceed with added caution and attentiveness to any early onset of illness.

Q: What can I do to help curtail the spread of COVID-19?

A: Students are expected to continue practicing good hygiene including hand washing and frequent use of hand sanitizing stations positioned around the campus. The University has placed these dispensers in high traffic areas and will continue the use of our electrostatic backpack sprayer after classes, which has a two-minute kill time for the virus.

Q: What do I do if I am sick but test negative for COVID-19?

A: Students should not attend class or work if they are sick with any communicable illness. They should consult with a physician/medical provider regarding symptoms and follow their doctor's orders. Students should submit all notes for excused absence to covid.management@avemaria.edu regardless of whether it is COVID-19 or any other reason for an excused absence verified by medical officials.

