

ESSYI Covid-19 Protocols

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These protocols will be updated as NY State travel restrictions and Covid policies change. Covid restrictions continue to ease at both state and local levels; however, we remain committed to the safety and well-being of everyone involved in ESSYI.

Protecting the health and safety of our faculty, staff, and students and minimizing the potential spread of disease within our community, while maintaining a productive learning environment, is of the utmost importance to Hobart and William Smith Colleges.

As a participant in the Environmental Studies Summer Youth Institute, it's important for us to outline the policies and guidelines created by the Colleges in response to COVID-19.

We are requiring all students fully vaccinated by the time they arrived on Campus. "Fully vaccinated" means that you are two weeks beyond either your second dose with Pfizer or Moderna or your first dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine and a booster. We are asking for active confirmation that you have received the vaccine. We realize that each state has different documentation for vaccination, but please send us what you have. This can be emailed to essyi@hws.edu.

Our plan is to bring students to campus in a manner that ensures they are Covid free, and then manage the program in a way to minimize any exposure to other people on campus.

Coming to Campus

- All Students will arrive on campus on Sunday, July 10th.
- Students will be pre matched with a roommate. ESSYI Students will be residing in de Cordova Hall.
- Orientation and introductions for the program will occur on Sunday afternoon
- All students will be administered a COVID-19 test upon arrival

Student Life

- Students will be required to adhere to all campus and state health and safety guidelines.
- Currently there is not a mask mandate in place (Although you must bring two masks with you – in case COVID-19 Protocol were to change)
- Any Student who wishes to wear a mask is encouraged to do so – We want you to feel safe in the environment you are in.
- Students are never allowed in each other's rooms.

Personal Health and Well-being

As part of this community, your taking personal responsibility for your health and well-being directly contributes to the well-being of the community. All community members will be required to, based on the schedule to be published:

- Monitor for the symptoms of COVID-19 and report to FLH Hubbs Health Center if you experience fever of 100.4 F (38 C) or higher, dry cough, difficulty breathing, chills,

repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat or loss of taste or smell; this includes submitting the [daily] screening form.

- Stay in your room if you feel ill or after exposure to someone who is ill or who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water and use hand sanitizer.
- Keep clothing, belongings, and personal spaces clean.
- Wash clothes and cloth face masks regularly.

Social Distancing and PPE

Maintaining social distancing and wearing appropriate PPE helps mitigate the risk of community spread of COVID-19. Students will be required to:

- Bring at least two cloth face coverings that they will use and maintain.
- Maintain appropriate social distancing, at least 6 feet when possible, especially in academic and administrative settings or the presence of other members of the community.

Resources

The CDC, New York State Department of Health, and Ontario County Department of Health maintain websites containing important information about the spread of Coronavirus and COVID-19. You should review this information before you arrive on campus and regularly throughout the semester as these resources may change or be updated.

- CDC - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- N.Y. Dept. of Health - <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home>
- Ontario Co. Public Health - <https://www.co.ontario.ny.us/1802/Coronavirus-COVID-19>