

The health and well-being of faculty, staff, and students is the highest priority while traveling. As the University moves through the [Physical Distancing Framework](#) for COVID, travel off-campus may be permitted in the yellow, lime, and green phases. Listed below are policies and processes related to off-campus group travel to which pilgrimage leaders and participants need to adhere in addition to the Pilgrimage Expectations outlined in the application process.

#### **Travel Registry**

If international travel occurs, the Chaplaincy Office will register all participants in the required [Travel Registry](#), per the physical distancing framework. We will also register them via the State Department website as required by the Office of International Education.

#### **Face Coverings**

(related policy: [Masks on Campus](#))

Per the [Physical Distancing Framework](#) and [Masks on Campus](#) policy, whether individuals are vaccinated or unvaccinated, everyone will be required to wear a mask in the following settings:

- On public transportation such as planes, trains, or buses, including University shuttles or when in airports, train or bus stations;
- Outdoors if you experience symptoms of COVID-19, and until you receive a negative COVID-19 test result or, if positive, 10 days after symptom onset; and
- Off-campus in public indoor spaces
- Off-campus in public outdoor spaces where physical distancing is not possible

The Chaplaincy will provide KN95 masks for travel. Participants should plan to bring their own masks for the remainder of the trip. If you need make different arrangements, please talk with the Pilgrimage Coordinators.

#### **Vaccinations**

No one is to be asked their COVID-19 vaccination status, and no list of students and their vaccination status will be provided to the pilgrimage leaders.

If a place that a group is visiting requires a COVID-19 vaccine to enter, it will be indicated on the itinerary. If a member of the group cannot provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination, alternate arrangements will be made.

At the pre-departure trip meeting, students will be encouraged to carry a copy of their COVID-19 vaccination record (hard-copy and electronic on phone) during travel.

#### **Opting-Out of Travel**

Because of the ever-changing nature of COVID-19, students may opt-out of the class travel, and faculty will have to give an alternative assignment. Students wishing to opt-out, due to COVID-19 concerns, need to notify the Pilgrimage Coordinator in writing at least 10 days prior to travel.

#### **Pre-Departure Preparation**

At the pre-departure meeting (see current policy document for more details), COVID-19 safety guidelines and protocols need to be reviewed. The flowcharts in this policy will be shown, and the risks to students will be presented, including the risk that if a student tests positive for COVID-19 or is a close contact that they will be required to isolate or quarantine in their current location until released.

#### **Responding to COVID Symptoms While Traveling**

Based on the University's protocols for responding to students with COVID symptoms on-campus, the following protocols are in place while traveling with students.

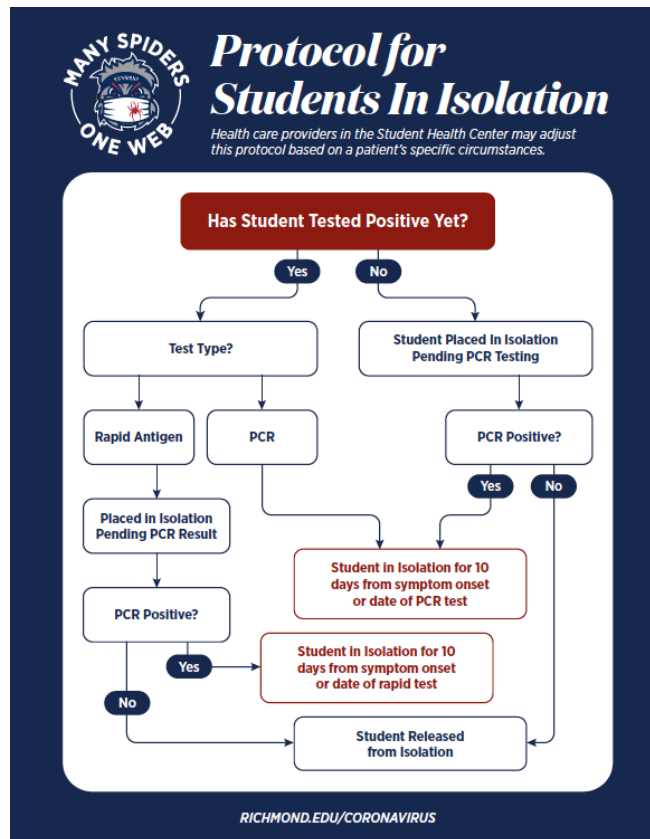
If an individual notifies a Pilgrimage Coordinator that they are presenting with COVID-19 symptoms, the Pilgrimage Coordinator should assist the individual in obtaining a COVID-19 test, as well as have them isolate in their lodging accommodations.

*COVID-19 Tests*

Both rapid antigen and PCR COVID-19 tests should be sought locally, if an individual presents with COVID-19 symptoms during travel. Local COVID-19 testing locations will be listed on the trip itinerary that are closest to the group's lodging accommodations.

*Testing, Isolation, and Quarantine Protocols*

The isolation flowchart outlines the necessary steps while traveling and should be followed. The Pilgrimage Coordinators are also required to contact the Associate Chaplain once a student receives a COVID-19 test and subsequently throughout the process for updates. The Associate Chaplain will notify appropriate administrators on-campus who need to be aware.

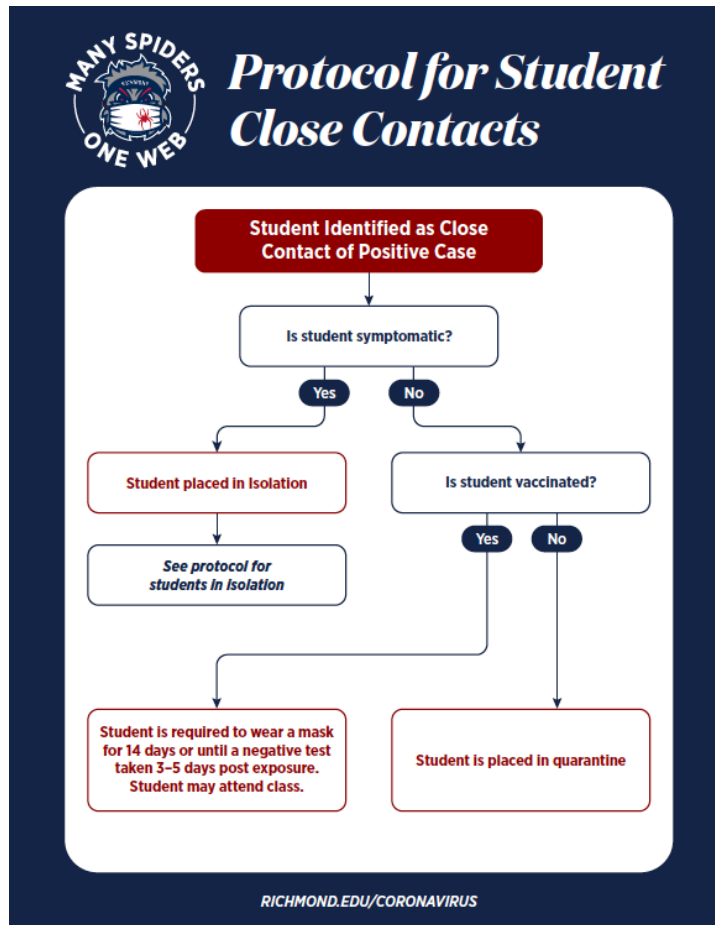


Isolation means that the symptomatic individual is in their own room; if another room needs to be acquired, the Pilgrimage Coordinator can facilitate that and/or contact the Associate Chaplain to acquire. The Pilgrimage Coordinator will also have to organize meal drop-off for the individual in isolation. One of the Pilgrimage Coordinators will need to stay locally with any student in isolation until they are released from isolation.

Close contacts will also have to be identified. Close contacts are considered the following:

- Being within 6 feet of a person who has COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period, or
- Having direct exposure to respiratory secretions (e.g., being coughed or sneezed on, sharing a drinking glass or utensils, kissing), or
- Caring for a person who has COVID-19, or
- Living with a person who has COVID-19.

Pilgrimage Coordinators will have to work with the affected individual to identify close contacts, as well as notify others in the group who are close contacts. The Pilgrimage Coordinator also needs to contact the Associate Chaplain to provide the names of all close contacts. The following flowchart outlines the necessary steps for close contacts while traveling and should be followed:



If an individual is not vaccinated and is a close contact, they must quarantine in a separate room alone, with meal delivery for up-to 14 days post-exposure. A Pilgrimage Coordinator must stay, in location, with any individual in quarantine until they are released. Anyone identified as a close contact of a person diagnosed with COVID-19 who is required to quarantine will go into quarantine for a period of:

- 10 days (eligible for release on day 11), provided the individual:
  - monitors and documents symptoms on a daily basis as directed by UR;
  - experiences no COVID-19 symptoms during the quarantine period;
  - has a PCR test on or after day 7 post exposure, which is negative; AND
  - agrees to continue to wear a mask, including in their residence, if a student, until day 14 post exposure.

OR

- 14 days if the individual does not engage in daily monitoring, has symptoms, or is not tested via a PCR test on days 7-8 post exposure.