



NORTH PARK UNIVERSITY

COVID-19 Campus Alert System

These key indicators represent the effect of the pandemic on the North Park campus community and the City of Chicago. This alert system will be used by the Pandemic Response Team to monitor campus and city trends, react to any growing concerns, and communicate actions taken with students and employees throughout the academic year. The guiding principles for decision-making continue to be the protection of the overall health, safety and wellness of the campus community, and maintaining a quality academic and residential experience for all students.

	INDICATOR	IMPACT	LEVEL 1 NEW NORMAL	LEVEL 2 MODERATE ALERT	LEVEL 3 HIGH ALERT	LEVEL 4 VERY HIGH ALERT
CAMPUS DATA	Percent of North Park designated isolation apartments in use	Very High	0%–25%	25–49%	50–84%	85%+
	New North Park positive COVID-19 cases in past 7 days (total)	High	<8	8–14	15–21	>21
	Percent of North Park COVID-19 surveillance tests with positive result in past 7 days (rolling average)	High	<3%	3–7%	7.1–12%	>12%
	Percent of North Park resident students that tested positive in past 7 days (rolling average)	High	<2%	2–5%	5.1–8%	>8%
	North Park PPE and sanitation supply level	Low	Fully stocked	Actively replacing, product available	Supply for >30 days, product not available	Supply for <30 days, product not available
	North Park student compliance with wellness protocols	Low	50%+ compliance on CampusClear; and/or 1 or less student conduct issues related to Covid protocols in last 7 days	25–50% compliance on CampusClear; and/or 2–3 student conduct issues related to Covid protocols in last 7 days	10–25% compliance on CampusClear; and/or 4–5 student conduct issues related to Covid protocols in last 7 days	<10% compliance on CampusClear; and/or >5 student conduct issues related to Covid protocols in last 7 days
	North Park employee compliance with wellness protocols	Low	50%+ compliance on CampusClear	25–50% compliance on CampusClear	10–25% compliance on CampusClear	<10% compliance on CampusClear
CITY DATA	Percent of Chicago COVID-19 tests with positive result in past 7 days	High	<5%	5–9%	10–14%	15%+
	Percent of Chicago ICU hospital beds available	High	25%+	20–25%	15–20%	>15%
	Percent of Chicago non-ICU hospital beds available	High	25%+	20–25%	15–20%	>15%
	New Chicago positive COVID-19 cases in last 7 days (rolling average)	Low	<400	400–1,000	1,000–2,000	2,000+

LEVEL 1 NEW NORMAL

Prevalence of Covid-19 is low on campus and in Chicago. New cases on campus are rare, with known source of origin. Little to no evidence of community spread on campus. Available campus isolation space is high. Sufficient hospital capacity with low case numbers/positivity rates in Chicago. Campus and city testing and contact tracing capacities are sufficient.

- ▶ Continue physical distancing, masking, daily screening, disinfection/sanitation protocols and regular hand washing.
- ▶ New normal mix of in-person, hybrid, hybrid and online classes.
- ▶ New normal mix of employees working on campus and at home with staggered scheduling.
- ▶ Regular surveillance testing of residence life and high-risk groups.
- ▶ New normal group gatherings allowed (50 inside, 100 outside).

LEVEL 2 MODERATE ALERT

Prevalence of Covid-19 is low to moderate on campus and in Chicago, and/or new cases are increasing, most with known source of origin. And/or early signs of community spread on campus. And/or available campus isolation space is decreasing steadily. Hospital capacity is decreasing steadily and/or case numbers and positivity rates are worsening in Chicago. Campus and city testing and contact tracing capacities are moderate.

- ▶ Watch metrics closely for persistent negative trends. Pandemic Response Team is on alert.
- ▶ Isolation space on campus is between 25-50% utilized.
- ▶ New gathering limits (25 inside, 50 outside).
- ▶ Consider increasing % of online class activity. Consider increasing % of employees working from home.

LEVEL 3 HIGH ALERT

Prevalence of Covid-19 is high on campus and city over time, and/or new cases are further increasing, often without known source of origin. And/or mounting evidence of community spread on campus. And/or available campus isolation space continues to diminish. Hospital capacity continues to decline and/or case numbers and positivity rates continue to rise without signs of flattening in Chicago. Campus and city testing and contact tracing capacities are stressed.

- ▶ Actions/restrictions become a necessity, collaborate with Chicago and Illinois Departments of Public Health.
- ▶ Isolation space on campus is between 50-85% utilized.
- ▶ Further gathering limits (e.g., 10 inside, 25 outside). Consider leaving traditional classroom gathering at 25 inside due to strict distancing and masking policies.
- ▶ Increase surveillance testing volumes and cadence.
- ▶ Strongly consider increasing % of online class activity. Strongly consider increasing % of employees working from home
- ▶ Strongly consider restricting or stopping higher risk activities on campus, such as athletics and School of Music, Art & Theatre.
- ▶ Strongly consider restricting or closing high traffic areas on campus, including recreation center and dining hall.
- ▶ Strongly consider limiting Residence Life & Housing gathering policies.

LEVEL 4 VERY HIGH ALERT

Critical level. Prevalence of Covid-19 has increased significantly on campus and city over time, with signs of uncontrolled spread within campus community. And/or available campus isolation space is very low. And/or hospital capacity, severe outcomes, and hospitalizations do to Covid-19 reach critical levels. And/or campus and city testing and contact tracing capacity is completely overwhelmed.

- ▶ Family unit gatherings only, with campus-wide stay at home advisory in place. Consider closing campus, including Residence Life & Housing, in consultation with CDPH.
- ▶ Class activity online only, unless in-person activity critical to course completion and adequate risk mitigation measures are in place.
- ▶ Employees working from home only, unless essential campus duties.



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