

Dear members of the North Park University campus community:

The Pandemic Response Team carefully monitors key metrics regarding case numbers, positivity rates, and available quarantine and isolation space, and we tighten or loosen our wellness protocols as changing circumstances indicate.

Nearly all campus and city metrics now fall within Level 1 or 2 parameters and are trending favorably. Because of the rapid decline in cases, North Park's [Campus Alert System](#) status level is moving out of Level 3 – High Alert, and is now **Level 2 – Moderate Alert**.

Accordingly, we are now returning to normal visitation policies in residence halls – allowing non-NPU guests to visit, and allowing both NPU and non-NPU guests to visit overnight.

Any guest, regardless of whether they are a North Park student or not, must follow the regular guest check in process and overnight visitation procedures. The [Student Handbook](#) has the full description of these policies.

Yesterday, Governor Pritzker announced plans to lift the State of Illinois indoor mask mandate by February 28, with some exceptions which included schools. The Pandemic Response Team will continue to monitor this situation and will be in discussions with the Chicago Department of Public Health about the timing of the removal of the requirement to wear masks indoors on campus. For right now, the city of [Chicago still has a mask mandate](#), and **North Park University's [wellness protocols](#) for Spring 2022 still include the requirement that masks be worn indoors, covering the nose, mouth, and chin with no gaps.**

Thank you for your faithful observance of our wellness protocols! Please follow all campus Covid-19 policies still in place, including indoor masking, mandatory weekly testing for unvaccinated campus community members, staying home when sick, and reporting symptoms to covidcare@northpark.edu.

Thank you!

--The Pandemic Response Team