



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	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—CRITICAL METRIC	0%–25%	25–49%	50–84%	85%+
	New North Park positive COVID-19 cases in past 7 days (total)*	<10	10-20	21-30	>30
	Percent of North Park COVID-19 surveillance tests with positive result in past 7 days (rolling average)	<3%	3–4.9%	5–9.9%	10%+
CITY DATA	COVID-19 cases diagnosed in Chicago per day (rolling average)	<200	200-399	400-799	800+
	Percent of Chicago COVID-19 tests with positive result in past 7 days	<5%	5–6.5%	6.6–9.9%	10%+
	Non-ICU beds occupied by COVID-19 patients in Chicago hospitals in past 7 days (rolling average)	<250	250-749	750-1249	1250+
	ICU beds occupied by COVID-19 patients in Chicago hospitals in past 7 days (rolling average)	<100	100-299	300-399	400+

**Only North Park community COVID-19 cases that were on campus during the 10-day period before their onset of symptoms or positive test collection will be included in the 7-day total.*

LEVEL 1 NEW NORMAL

Most of the key metrics being monitored are at Level 1 or Level 2 status, with special attention toward our campus data. Expectation is that weekly case numbers are minimal, testing positivity rate is low, on campus isolation space is widely available, and local health care capacity is sufficient.

- ▶ Wear facial covering if recommended by state, city and/or CDC
- ▶ Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer often
- ▶ Stay home if experiencing symptoms of Covid-19, recommend getting tested
- ▶ Report symptoms, a positive test, or high-risk exposure to **covidcare@northpark.edu**
- ▶ Follow other outlined Campus Covid-19 Policies

LEVEL 2 MODERATE ALERT

Pandemic Response Team to closely monitor for persistent negative trends in data as campus and/or City of Chicago metrics worsen.

- ▶ Increase communication to campus community, reemphasize Campus Covid-19 Policies and need to remain vigilant
- ▶ Consider area-specific mitigation strategy dependent on transmission data on campus

LEVEL 3 HIGH ALERT

Negative data trends persist at Level 3 or Level 4 status on campus and/or in the City of Chicago, prompting implementation of additional mitigations, which may include:

- ▶ Increase Covid-19 testing on campus
- ▶ Increase availability of PPE and sanitation supplies
- ▶ Increased staggered scheduling for offices across campus
- ▶ Increase mitigation in areas such as dining hall, recreation center, congregate living
- ▶ Consider adapting higher risk in-person activities to virtual or hybrid, if feasible
- ▶ Identification of additional isolation space on campus

LEVEL 4 VERY HIGH ALERT

All or most of the key metrics being monitored on campus have met Level 4 criteria – very high alert status. At this alert level the Pandemic Response Team will act under the direction of the Chicago Department of Public Health. Additional actions may include:

- ▶ No in-person gatherings other than essential activity
- ▶ Employees work from home other than essential activity
- ▶ No in-person class, unless critical to academic progress



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*Descriptions for our COVID-19
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