



Chicago Updates Covid-19 Community Risk Level

Responding to an uptick in the number of Covid-19 cases, the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) has moved [the city's Community Risk Level](#) to "Medium."

At this risk level, the CDPH strongly recommends that everyone:

- Stay up to date with [Covid-19 vaccines](#)
- Wear a face mask in indoor public settings where vaccine status is not known
- Get [tested](#) if you have symptoms
- Follow all isolation and quarantine guidance, including wearing a face mask
- And, if you are at high risk for severe illness, talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions.

Here at North Park, we have [high vaccination rates](#) and very few positive cases. Our current Campus Alert Level remains at Level 1, Green, "New Normal" – and our current protocols are not changing.

While masks are optional on campus, we strongly recommend wearing face masks indoors if you feel more comfortable doing so around others.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker has extended the executive order requiring the Covid vaccine for those in higher education settings and weekly testing for those with exemptions from the vaccine through May 28. Testing will take place on its normal schedule this week but will be on a reduced schedule starting Monday, May 16. Starting on the 16th, testing will be on Mondays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Hamming Hall.

Please be sure to contact University Health Services if you develop symptoms by calling 773-244-4897, or by emailing healthservices@northpark.edu.

Thank you for faithfully observing our wellness protocols and keeping our campus safe!

-The Pandemic Response Team