

# Daily Health Self-Screening

Daily monitoring of one's health and well-being prior to coming to campus/work can aid in early detection of infectious disease and is an effective measure to prevent community spread of COVID-19. In our ongoing effort to protect our on-site community, our community and visitors are expected to self-screen for symptoms of COVID-19 each day they plan to physically come to any of the URI campuses or leave their residence hall to start their day.

## Overview

Effective May 21, 2021 and until further notice, the University has paused use the electronic daily self-assessment app for COVID-19. However, all students, employees, and visitors coming to any University of Rhode Island campus are still expected to self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 and to follow the procedures outlined in this document to report COVID-19 illness. Employees may not come to campus if sick and must immediately report their illness to their supervisor. Students likewise may not come to campus if ill and should contact Health Services at 401-874-2246.

**NOTE:** Certain campus locations such as healthcare and fitness/athletics facilities may continue to have enhanced screening procedures, where approved by the COVID-19 Task Force.

## The self-screening process

This health self-assessment will be part of our daily routines prior to coming to any URI campuses for the foreseeable future. Symptoms of COVID-19, as currently defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) can be found at [CDC.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus).

## Daily procedures

### For students

Each student must self-assess for symptoms of COVID-19 before leaving their residence hall or home each day. If the student does NOT have any symptoms, they should continue on to campus as usual. If the student has any symptom(s), they should immediately contact Health Services should contact Health Services at 401-874-2246 to report their illness and may not leave their residence hall room or come to campus, as applicable.

### For employees

Each employee must self-assess for symptoms of COVID-19 before leaving home. If an employee does NOT have any symptoms, they should report to work as usual. If an employee has any symptom(s), they should immediately call their supervisor and indicate they screened positive and will not be reporting to work. Employee(s) MAY NOT access campus and should immediately contact their Primary Care Physician for further direction.

### For supervisors

Upon receiving a call from an Employee that they have a symptom(s), the Supervisor should instruct the employee to remain home and to contact their Primary Care Provider as described above. The Employee

should be asked to follow up with their Supervisor after speaking with their Primary Care Provider or prior to the next scheduled workday, whichever comes first.

The Supervisor should immediately follow up with a written email to the employee, copy to Human Resources (need name/position) documenting:

- Date and time of call/contact from employee
- Symptom(s) identified
- Repeat instruction to contact Primary Care Provider
- Request employee to follow up with Supervisor next business day with update

### **For contractors/vendors**

All vendors and contractors must require their employees to self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19. The vendor/contractor is responsible for managing this process for their own employees.

## **Individuals who become ill while on campus**

**Employees** who develop symptoms of COVID-19 while at work should immediately notify their Supervisor by phone and leave work. The Employee should also contact their Primary Care Provider for further direction once they have left work.

**Supervisors** should handle such notice from an Employee as described above in “Procedures for supervisors.”

**Students** who develop symptoms of COVID-19 while on campus should immediately plan to return to their residence hall or leave campus for off-campus housing and isolate. The student should CALL Health Services at 401-874-2246 to speak with a triage nurse. Based on evaluation, the student will be scheduled for SARS-CoV-2 testing at the earliest convenience and isolation requirements will be reinforced.

**Visitors** who develop symptoms of COVID-19 while on campus should immediately leave campus and contact their Primary Care Provider for further direction. If the visitor subsequently tests positive for COVID-19, they or their Primary Care Physician, should notify URI Health Services by calling 401-874-2246.

**IMPORTANT: Individuals should avoid using public transportation if ill. In the event of a medical emergency, always dial 9-1-1 whether on or off campus.**

## **Contact tracing**

When any member of the URI community becomes ill with COVID-19, Health Services will work with the RI Department of Health to identify those with whom the individual has been in close contact and assess the significance of the exposure and potential testing and self-quarantine if indicated.

**NOTE:** The University will report all positive COVID-19 cases in the campus community to the RI Department of Health as required.