

# COVID Update

## **Bennington College - Communications**

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To the Bennington community,

I wanted to share that we have two new student cases.

The students developed mild symptoms and quickly notified Health Services—exactly as they should—and were tested. (This came after arrival testing; all students' Day 3-5 arrival tests were negative.)

The students are isolated and contact tracing is in process. The College is working closely with both parties and the Vermont Department of Health. If anyone is identified as a close contact, they will receive instructions from me and the Vermont Health Department.

Christine Winget, Meredith McCoy, Dr. Randy Anselmo and I will offer optional meetings with House Chairs and members of both Houses to walk through instructions and to answer any questions. As a reminder, per CDC guidelines, anyone who is fully vaccinated is not required to quarantine and is permitted to continue daily activities on campus including attending class and entering the dining hall. Close contacts will be tested 3-5 days after exposure. As a reminder, optional testing is available for anyone who would like it.

Please continue to wear a mask when you are inside or outside in groups (or at all times, if you are not fully vaccinated), wash your hands and please report symptoms if you have them.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Ali Tartaglia  
*Chair of the COVID Taskforce*