

Mount Safe Policies for Reunion 2021

Mount St. Mary's policies and protocols for responding to the COVID-19 pandemic are rooted in safety for our students, seminarians, faculty, staff and the public that visit campus. The primary goals for the University's response to the COVID-19 pandemic are to protect public health and continue the institution's vital missions of education and service.

Although COVID-19 cases declined during the early summer of 2021, the Delta variant is causing a resurgence in cases nationwide. As a result of this increased risk in transmission, the Mount has instituted some risk reduction measures in line with CDC guidance to wear masks indoors in areas with substantial or high community transmission rates.

1. Universal Indoor Mask Requirement - All reunion attendees, staff and volunteers, regardless of vaccination status, are required to wear masks while indoors with the following exceptions:
 - While eating and drinking
 - Alone in a room, such as an office or meeting room
2. Handwashing and Transmission Etiquette – All individuals should wash their hands or use hand sanitizer frequently. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze and throw used tissues in the trash. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow, not your hands.
3. Anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within 10 days prior to the start of Reunion Weekend (Oct. 1, 2021) is not permitted on the Mount's campus. Anyone who is not fully vaccinated and who has been in close contact to a COVID-19 case in those 10 days leading up to Reunion Weekend is not permitted on campus and should quarantine for 10 days.

The Mount campus is a relatively safe environment. Currently, over 90% of the Mount community (students, seminarians and employees on campus) are vaccinated compared to 61% of Maryland residents. We conduct regular surveillance testing of our campus population to identify any asymptomatic cases.