

FSILG Fall Planning

AILG Seminar: Covid Policies & Compliance

August 23, 2021



Starting from a strong foundation

- Between August 20, 2020 and June 5, 2021:
 - 1,128 Covid-19 cases among MIT community members.
 - Of those positive cases, 18 were likely the result of on-campus transmission.
- While instances of on-campus transmission are low, we remain concerned about the Delta variant.
 - There have been 13 positive cases in the past 7 days.
 - MIT dashboard: <https://covidapps.mit.edu/dashboard>
- We are collaborative, flexible, and patient. The MIT community has shown we know how to come together to effectively manage the pandemic so that we can fulfill our mission.

Approach to fall start-up...

- Vaccinations alone may not control Delta variant--need one more protection (e.g., vax+testing; vax+masking; or vax+distancing).
- Some arriving students unvaccinated, partially vaccinated, or vaccinated with non-WHO recognized vaccine. Also, new students and many staff, not in testing cadence.
- No quarantine on arrival: MIT emphasizing vaccinations, testing, attesting, and face-coverings.
- CDC: All Massachusetts counties now classified “substantial” or “high” risk for community transmission; indoor masking recommended for everyone regardless of vaccination status.

Student arrival

- Approved FSILG early arrivals as early as August 7. International students encouraged to arrive as early as August 16.
- All undergraduate and graduate students check-in at their houses.
- After check-in, all students proceed to testing in Johnson.
- Unvaccinated students go to the vaccine clinic after testing.
- Family members may help with move-in, provided all wear masks.
- Accommodations for roommates, if vaccinated and unvaccinated are roomed together, will be made on case-by-case basis.

Testing, attesting & vaccines

- Testing and Attesting
 - Atlas Mobile app will prompt students to test and attest.
 - Students test on arrival, day 4 and day 7 in Johnson.
 - Students test twice each week and attest daily to retain access and stay in compliance.
 - Unobserved self-tests are available.
- Non-exempt unvaccinated students will be offered J&J or Pfizer shot upon arrival.
- Vaccine clinics will be held in MIT Medical (E23).

Housing and Isolation Spaces

- Undergraduate Housing - 100% occupancy
 - Waitlist - 221 (all offered space in graduate housing, 112 accepted)
- Graduate Housing - 83% occupancy (of which 4.6% are UGs).
- There are 89 isolation spaces throughout grad housing. Support to students in isolation will continue to be provided.
- Preparing for managing cases beyond isolation capacity.

COVID Policies

- Reviewed by Covid Monitoring Team and approved by Covid Decision Making Team.
- General MIT policies at MIT Now Site: <https://now.mit.edu/>
- UG Covid policies on DSL website: <https://studentlife.mit.edu/covid19policies>
- FSILG protocols informed by lessons learned from pilot program.

Indoor face-coverings

- Until further notice, MIT will continue to require face-coverings to be worn inside campus buildings, **reinstating face-coverings in residence halls and FSILGs**. Additionally, a mask mandate will remain in [specific spaces](#) required by Massachusetts, such as MIT shuttle buses.
- There are exceptions to this policy, including for faculty and instructional staff when they are teaching; residents when they are alone in residential common areas or alone (or with their roommates) in their rooms; employees when they are alone in their work spaces; and when anyone is eating or drinking.
- MIT is monitoring Covid conditions and re-evaluates policies regularly.

Guests

- During the arrival and move-in period and the COVID-19 entry testing protocol period of August 11 to September 13, non-MIT overnight guests will not be permitted in undergraduate residence halls and FSILGs.
- Guests registration must follow house specific guest policies for student visitors. Guests must follow Covid policies.
- Until further notice, all students and guests must wear face coverings when in non-residential campus buildings, in residential common areas, and when attending indoor events and gatherings.
- Guest Log for registering all non-residents who enter house for contact tracing purposes (name, email/phone).

Events

- Hosts for student org, FSILG, Res hall events must register events.
- Use of Tim Tickets for events for contact tracing purposes.
- Event registration process and social event policies remain in place.
 - Regular review of process and whether we integrate systems.
 - Staff advising for successful events.
- Covid policies must be followed.
- Face coverings required indoors.
- Events with food must follow safe service guidelines (website)
- All FSILGs and cook-for-yourself communities identify kitchen steward(s).

Policy and Compliance

- Student Agreement
- Covid Compliance Team
- Reporting resources
- Expedited Committee on Discipline process
- Accountability process
- ***Success last year because students took policies seriously***

GRA Role

- Building community
- Support and mentoring
- Addressing policy concerns and process
- Referral resource
- GRA expectations

AILG Resources

- AILG web site:
 - FSILG Reopening page <https://ailg.mit.edu/resources/fsilg-fall-reopening>
 - AILG Covid-19 updates <https://ailg.mit.edu/ailg-covid-19-updates>
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Discussion

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