

## Spring 2022 Coronavirus (COVID-19)

### News Update: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[CDC Updates and Shortens Recommended Isolation and Quarantine Period for General Population- December 27, 2021](#)

### Information and Resources

The health and safety of our campus community is our top priority as we are closely monitoring the rapidly evolving information regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and its variants. We will continue to monitor changes surrounding local and federal mandates surrounding COVID-19. We appreciate your continued support and patience as we work through this unprecedented time. We are dedicated to providing you information about Coronavirus (COVID-19), prevention measures, and precautions we are taking here at Grambling State University.

It is the responsibility of each person on campus to help maintain a healthy living and study environment and prevent the spread of COVID-19. The following recommendations from the University Louisiana System (ULS), Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), State of Louisiana, and the [current guidelines](#) issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), students, faculty, and staff on campus for the Spring 2022 semester will continue to be required to wear masks indoors regardless of vaccination status. Receipt of the COVID-19 vaccination and booster remains our most powerful tool to combat the pandemic. We strongly encourage students, faculty, and staff to provide a negative COVID-19 test to your supervisor 72 hours' prior to returning to campus.

We encourage you to seek reliable information from the [LDH](#) and the [CDC](#), including [current CDC guidelines](#), updated travel notices for countries with community transmission.

### Guiding Principles

All planning conducted, decisions made, and actions taken by Grambling State University, collectively and individually, shall adhere to the following hierarchy of principles:

1. The health and safety of students, faculty, staff, and our communities are paramount.
2. The continuity of learning and research must be maintained, adapting to fulfill Principle 1 as appropriate and necessary.
3. The financial health and viability of the enterprise must be protected and are dependent upon the fulfillment of Principles 1 and 2.
4. The social, emotional, and economic welfare of our communities must be considered and are dependent upon the fulfillment of Principles 1, 2, and 3.

### Masks

According to CDC COVID-19 guidelines, it is recommended that vaccinated individuals wear masks indoors in communities of substantial or high transmission. The entire state of Louisiana is currently classified as substantial transmission. Vaccinated and unvaccinated students, faculty, and staff shall wear masks in the classroom and indoor public spaces.

## Vaccinations

### Students

As a result of FDA approval, COVID-19 is now on the schedule of required immunizations for college students in Louisiana. Effective immediately, students must provide proof of vaccination to register for the Spring 2022 semester and all terms moving forward.

- Alternatively, students may provide one of the following:
  1. documentation from a physician of medical contraindication for the vaccine, or
  2. a written dissent for taking the vaccine. Please visit the [CDC website to find a vaccine location near you.](#)

### Faculty and Staff

We strongly encourage faculty and staff members to get vaccinated or create a testing cadence as we continue to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

- Vaccination offerings on GSU campus are **Monday-Wednesday 8 am-6 pm** in Grambling Hall

### Different COVID-19 Vaccines

### Booster Information

The Louisiana National Guard is also administering COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Shots

- [Who Can Get Booster Shots](#)
- [Scheduling Your Booster Shot](#)

## Testing

Covid-19 testing sites are available for students, faculty, and staff. According to CDC Covid-19, it is strongly recommended that unvaccinated individuals test twice a week in a substantial and high transmittal environment.

The following testing locations are available for the campus community.

### **Grambling Hall**

#### Hours of Operations

Monday-Thursday 8 am-6 pm, Friday 8 am-11 am by Louisiana National Guard

### **Student Health Center**

Testing is available for GSU students, with priority given to students who have symptoms or who are close contacts. Students who are symptomatic should contact the [Student Health Center](#) to see a healthcare provider.

#### Hours of Operations

Monday-Thursday 8 am-6 pm, Friday 8 am-11 am

### Testing Locations Off-Campus

### **Quest for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**

Grambling State University has a robust supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) for all staff, faculty, and students. As staff and students continue to engage in the on-campus experience, Facilities, Planning, and Management will distribute PPE and cleaning materials upon request.

Facilities Planning and Management have the following PPE items available for distribution:

- Disposable Masks
- Hand Sanitizer
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Spray Disinfectant
- Face Shields

Departments and areas should request COVID cleaning supplies and personal protective equipment (PPE) by completing and submitting a [Work Request](#) through the [Facilities iService Desk portal](#). Departments and areas can pick up your request at the Facilities Planning and Management Office.

### **Important Reminders:**

- At this time, these supplies are available to all departments as needed.
- These items are for use by employees while working on campus.
- Please request reasonable quantities and only request what your office needs. Ordering too many to stockpile affects others from getting these items that are in short supply.
- Facilities plan to keep regular stock of these items to support campus throughout, so additional orders can be placed in the future when more supplies are needed.

If you have any questions regarding the information provided, please email [gsufacilities@gram.edu](mailto:gsufacilities@gram.edu) or call (318) 274-6162

### **Campus Living and Housing**

Move-in will require the following:

- Proof of vaccination and proof of a negative COVID-19 test within the last 72 hours of move-in or
- Proof of exemption filed with GSU and proof of a negative COVID-19 test within the last 72 hours of move-in

For more information, please email [gsuhousing@gram.edu](mailto:gsuhousing@gram.edu).

### **Classes**

Courses will be offered face-to-face, online, hybrid, and hyflex formats. In person, classes will employ social distancing and frequent cleaning. Please view the Spring class schedule via BannerWeb to see the list of available courses and options.

### **Student Union**

When visiting the Favrot Student Union, patrons will be required to complete a temperature check upon entry, and face coverings and physical distancing (6 feet minimum) will be required at all times. All visitors are expected to follow all posted COVID-19 signage and

policies while in the facility. Congregation in lobbies, the computer lab, stairwell, or the front entrance of the union is prohibited.

### **Visitors and Vendors**

Daily check-in hours: 7:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

- All Visitors and Vendors must check in using the Self-Check-in portal [COVID-19 Grambling State University Visitors Self Check](#), and complete a temperature check at Campus Police.
- Visitors and Vendors are required to wear masks in all Grambling State buildings.
- If the visitor or vendor does not have a face covering, one will be provided.
- Maintain physical distancing of six feet whenever possible.
- Clean your hands often, with either soap and water for 20 seconds or a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Please remember to cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. Clean frequently touched objects and surfaces daily. If someone is sick or has tested positive for COVID-19, disinfect frequently touched surfaces.

If you have any questions, please send them to [protecttheg@gram.edu](mailto:protecttheg@gram.edu).

[Daily Team Member Check-in Information](#)

[Daily Team Member Check-in Form](#)

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