

Guidance for Medical Exceptions

Fall 2020

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, and that many in-person classes will deviate from the traditional face-to-face format, it is anticipated that students may ask for exceptions related to the structure of the course, citing medical/psychological/personal reasons as the need for the exception.

Students are instructed to discuss these requests directly with their Professors.

Faculty will consider whether this request falls under the list of CDC categories for those at higher risk of COVID-19. Those conditions may include:

- Asthma -moderate-to-severe
- Being immunocompromised
- Chronic kidney disease being treated with dialysis
- Chronic lung disease
- Diabetes
- HIV
- Older adults (aged 65 years and older)
- Serious heart disease
- Severe obesity

Students who state that they fall under these categories, make a request related to pregnancy or child-birth, or have already presented the faculty member with an accommodation letter from the Accessibility Resource Center (ARC), will be referred to ARC directly for consultation. ARC can be reached at arc@wpunj.edu or 973-720-2853.

If none of the above apply, faculty have the right to use their own discretion in determining whether an exception will be made.

If faculty feel that they are unable to make a determination without further consultation, students may be referred to the Dean of Students office for consultation and recommendation. Faculty or students should contact the Dean of Students office at DOS@wpunj.edu. Students should be encouraged to attach any relevant documentation to the email, in support of their request.