

William Paterson University
COVID-19
Visitor Policy FALL 2021

William Paterson University is committed to reducing the risk of exposure to COVID-19. To minimize exposure, the University has developed a visitor policy. All visitors, including anyone visiting students, who are invited to campus are required to adhere to state and local laws and University health policies to ensure the safety of our community.

It is recommended that institutions limit visitors to the best of their ability in order to reduce the risk of exposure. Having visitors on campus poses challenges for contact tracing and quarantine procedures.

In order to reduce the risk posed by visitors, WP has established protocols that must be followed by any University student or employee who is hosting a visitor. These include:

1. The host is responsible for explaining to the visitor the new procedures that have been established at WP in response to COVID-19.
2. Since the University does not have the ability to verify the vaccination status of visitors, it is expected that all visitors wear masks while indoors and in public spaces.
3. Visitors are not permitted to be on campus if they have been exposed to, diagnosed with, or have symptoms consistent with COVID-19. A symptom self-check can be found on the CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>
4. All individuals who invite a visitor to campus are required to fill out and submit a visitor log, via web-based form, on the same day the individual visits. This form includes the visitor's name, affiliation, phone, email, day and time of visit, where they visited (building and room number), attestation that health screenings were conducted, and reason for the visit (see Appendix A).

