



## **St Vladimir's Seminary COVID-19 Directives For Students, Faculty, Staff, and Guests 2021 Fall Semester**

The following COVID-19 directives are currently in effect for the Fall 2021 Semester, unless otherwise indicated. All seminarians, faculty, staff and visitors should read these directives thoroughly and are responsible for complying with the expectations listed below.

*Due to the ongoing nature of the global pandemic,  
all information on this page is subject to change.*

Seminary leadership will continue to monitor Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), NYS Department of Health, and ecclesiastical guidance closely and will revise its directives as needed. It is our hope that these directives are temporary – but we commit to taking every measure possible to ensure all individuals, regardless of vaccination status, remain healthy and safe on this campus.

### **DEFINITIONS**

#### **Fully Vaccinated Individuals**

According to the CDC, full COVID-19 vaccination occurs 14 full days after receipt of the final dose of a vaccine (either one dose of a one-dose series, or both doses of a two-dose series).

#### **Partially Vaccinated Individuals**

Individuals who have received only one dose of a two-dose series, or who are not yet 14 full days after receipt of the final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

#### **Unvaccinated Individuals**

Individuals who have not received a COVID-19 vaccination for medical contraindication reasons or for religious or other strongly-held personal beliefs.

## DIRECTIVES

### Vaccination

The Seminary encourages seminarians, faculty, and staff to get vaccinated. COVID-19 vaccines are free of cost in the state of New York. Please visit [this page](#) to find the closest vaccination site. At this moment, the Seminary does not require community members to get vaccinated.

### Testing

Seminarians, faculty, staff, and all other campus residents 15 years and older, regardless of vaccination status, are required to get tested at the beginning of the fall semester and thereafter on a monthly basis, or as often as needed. The Seminary will provide, free of charge, FDA approved, COVID-19 testing kits to seminarians, staff, and faculty. Off-campus testing is also [available](#) for community members. Please check with your insurance carrier and with the provider for fees. Those who use the home testing kits provided by the Seminary are required to fill out the attached form and return it to Mrs Ann Sanchez. Those who choose to get tested elsewhere must submit the lab results to Mrs Ann Sanchez.

### Masks

Beginning August 9, 2021 and until further notice, all individuals, regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status, are required to wear an appropriate face covering when inside any Seminary building. Face coverings do not need to be worn in student/staff residential spaces, or within family units, or when staff members are in their private offices, or when anyone is eating and/or drinking.

### Social Distancing

All campus residents, regardless of vaccination status, are required to practice social distancing (3 feet) when inside any Seminary building—chapel, library, classrooms, offices, refectory, and dormitories.

### Daily Symptom Checks

All Seminary community members coming to campus, regardless of vaccination status, are required to commit to monitoring their symptoms on a daily basis. If any community member or seminary employee notices abnormal symptoms, they are to stay home, take a COVID-19 test, and report back the results to Mrs Ann Sanchez.

## Visitor Policy Guidelines

The Seminary will limit the number of visitors on campus, and monitor visitor activity. All overnight visitors to the Seminary campus, regardless of their purpose, must be approved ahead of time by the Office of the President (Mrs Ann Sanchez).

## Chapel

People 2 years and older are required to wear masks and practice social distancing in the chapel at all times.

## Refectory

The refectory is open for board-paying seminarians. Hygiene and social distancing (3 feet) protocols must be observed during meals.

## Off-Campus Activities

We ask that campus residents limit their time off campus as much as possible. This does NOT mean you cannot go off campus. Each individual should take into consideration the highly possible outcome of being infected by the COVID-19 and thus spreading it within our community. Please be smart about your activities off campus and take the best possible precautions to keep yourself and others healthy and safe, as well as keeping our campus free of the virus.

All seminarians, faculty, staff, their families, and seminary guests are required to:

- adhere to all local state and federal guidelines relating to travel; including quarantine, testing, etc.;
- adhere to all COVID-19 directives in place at any given time;
- wear masks indoors when other people are present, until further notice;
- complete COVID-19 testing as previously outlined in this document;
- isolate if tested positive for the COVID-19 virus or to quarantine if you have come in contact with someone who has tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. All residents must produce a negative COVID-19 test result before returning to campus after isolating or quarantining. Please send your negative test result or Quarantine Release Order to Mrs Ann Sanchez.

Please also keep in mind the CDC guidelines [listed here](#) and on [this page](#). CDC complete guidance for Higher Education Institutions is available on the official [website](#).