

COVID-19 Protocols and Vaccination

Requirements at Mount Holyoke College

GRC continues to monitor venue and state-wide practices and update this page as often as possible.

GRC Current COVID-19 Policies and Procedures

To ensure the safety of venue and GRC staff, and each of our GRC communities, there are a few COVID-19 policies and procedures to keep in mind before your travels.

- Currently, GRC is requiring masks in all GRC spaces and the COVID-19 vaccination and booster for all attendees and guests before attending the meeting. Masking is not mandated by the venue in public spaces, but it is required by GRC in conference spaces.
- GRC recommends that you bring your own self-test kits to the venue to test when you arrive before joining to group to prevent any spread of COVID-19 through out the GRC community.
- It is important to know that should you test positive while on-site:
 - You will need to abide by the CDC recommendations regarding testing and isolation.
 - Unfortunately, GRC will not be able to provide you with a refund as once you are on site, GRC has incurred those expenses.
 - You will unfortunately, be unable to stream into the meeting has GRC does not have the capacity to do so.



While the policies listed here reflect those of the venue, GRC attendees are expected to follow guidelines as outlined by GRC above. GRC policies regarding masking and vaccination status will supersede those put in place by the venue when utilizing GRC event spaces.

Additional Health and Safety Practices in Place at the Mount Holyoke College

- Mount Holyoke is operating at level one — also referred to as “green”. Information on what this means for campus policies can be [found here](#).
- Anyone currently working on campus is required to test regularly and must wear a mask on campus.
- All students and faculty are required to receive the COVID-19 booster.

Massachusetts' Current Regulations and Information

- [Click here](#) for more information about Massachusetts current guidelines.
- Massachusetts has currently lifted COVID-19 restrictions and all fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear masks while indoors.
- Information and updates from the Massachusetts Department of Health can be [found here](#).
- Information regarding international travel to the United States can be found [here](#).

GRC at MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

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ARRIVAL AND ACCOMMODATIONS

Logan Airport (BOS): Located 93 miles east of South Hadley

GRC Chartered Bus: You can reserve a spot on the bus through your MyGRC account and find details about the bus [here](#) and [click here](#) to see what Concord Coach is doing to protect you.

Rental Car: [Click here](#) for GRC's discounted rates with Enterprise or National Rental Car. Enterprise has a [Clean Car Pledge](#) to combat the spread of COVID-19.

GRC Check-in is from 2:00 pm – 9:00 pm in Creighton Hall.
• If you arrive outside of check-in hours:

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GRS check-in is from 2:00-5:00 pm on Saturday.

ACCOMMODATIONS AND HOTEL AMENITIES

Conferees stay in single or double occupancy dorm rooms with twin beds.

- Air-conditioning
- Non-smoking
- Shared bathrooms down the hall
- Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout campus
- Linens and towels provided (please bring your own toiletries.)



If looking for alternative accommodations, please call the Willits-Hallowell Center at 413-538-2217 or book [online](#).

Mount Holyoke's Commitment to You

- Mount Holyoke requires face coverings when social distancing is difficult to maintain in areas such as, the Dining Commons, prior to entering all buildings and outdoor areas where keeping a minimum of 6 feet apart is not consistent.
- Mount Holyoke will be hosting half of their students on-campus to de-densify the campus.
- Mandatory testing upon campus arrival while maintaining a social distance from others, students must wear a face mask when around others and outside residence hall or private office.

Amenities:

- Fitness center
- Pool
- Track, racquetball, squash, basketball and volleyball.
- Grass Sports field
- On-site parking
- Laundry available on-site
- Mobility accessible rooms



PLANNING YOUR VISIT

Dress is Casual

Bring a relaxed wardrobe and comfortable shoes. Please check the weather forecast and plan to bring a raincoat and/or light jacket for outside activities.

Activities

Once you arrive on-site, you can sign up for various on-site and off-site activities.



HEALTH AND SAFETY

Mount Holyoke is located within 20 minutes of hospital facilities.

COVID-19 Safety Recommendations

Massachusetts has lifted COVID-19 restrictions.

Fully vaccinated people do not need to wear masks indoors. Hotels, Motels and AirBnBs are now open. Hotels will have to follow a checklist that includes social distancing, hygiene protocols, staffing and operations, and cleaning and disinfecting.

- Information and updates from the Massachusetts Department of Health can be [found here](#).

MEALS

All meals are served buffet style in Willits-Hallowell Conference Center Dining.

Vegetarian selections are provided at all meals. Gluten-free and Kosher meals are available at the venue with advance notice.

SCIENCE AND POSTER SESSIONS

Science Sessions are held in Gamble Auditorium.

Poster Sessions are held in Chapin Auditorium.

Poster board dimensions are 4 feet X 4 feet.

DEPARTURES

Breakfast is available on Friday morning from 7:30 am to 8:30 am.

Check-out is at 9:00 am.

