

St. Scholastica Alert Levels

Duluth Main and Health Science Campuses

St. Scholastica has established a color-coded series of alert levels intended to inform the college community about the level of risk posed by the COVID-19 virus to our community at any one time and the associated public health measures that will be implemented at each level. These alert levels will be based on specific data monitored on the Duluth campuses weekly, including testing for and monitoring the prevalence of the COVID-19 virus on campus, as well as other key metrics in the city of Duluth, St. Louis County, and the State of Minnesota.

The alert levels are defined by a set of indicators that include cases on campus, availability of isolation and quarantine beds, and the level of unknown case exposure (those cases that cannot be traced to a specific source). Additional factors affecting alert level determination include any new or modified Governor's Executive Orders; updated guidance from the MDH and CDC; travel availability and restrictions; faculty and staff availability to provide academic programs; and essential services as well as access to critical supplies and testing. Changes in alert levels will always be informed both by data and by our judgment of current conditions. The College will be prepared to move quickly from any level of alert to the highest level if necessary.

Key Inputs and Factors for Campus Alert Levels and Operations

Alert Levels	Level 1: Low	Level 2: Medium	Level 3: High	Level 4: Very High
Campus Operations Status	COVID Normal Operations	Modified Campus Operations	Limited Campus Operations	Minimal Campus Operations
MDH Key Inputs for Escalating Alert Levels				
MDH Transmission Levels	Low Transmission	Medium Transmission	High Transmission	Sustained High Transmission
Campus Infection Rates	< 1% of campus students/Employees tested positive within a 14-day period	1% to 3% of campus students/Employees tested positive within a 14-day period	> 3% of campus students/Employees tested positive within a 14-day period	No improvement in the High Transmission Level after two weeks
Contact Tracing	Contacts are able to be identified at the time of case interview	> 5% of campus cases have unknown links over a 7-day period	> 5% of campus cases have unknown links over a 7-day period	No improvement in the High Transmission Level after two weeks
St. Louis County Transmissions www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/stats/school.pdf	< 10 cases per 10,000 over 14-day period	Cases on the rise over 7-day period 10-30 cases per 10,000 over 14-day period	Cases continue to rise > 30 cases per 10,000 over 14-day period	No improvement in the High Transmission Level after two weeks

CDC Level of Community Transmission for St. Louis County https://www.cdc.gov/TerritoryPackage/contrib/widgets/covidcountycheck/	Low or Moderate Transmission- Less than 50 cases per 100,000 in the last 7 days	Substantial- 50 to 99 cases per 100,000 in the last 7 days	High- above 100 cases per 100,000 in the last 7 days	No improvement in the High Transmission Level after two weeks
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Isolation/Quarantine	< 50% isolation and quarantine beds are full	50% to 75% isolation and quarantine beds full	> 75% isolation and quarantine beds full	No improvement in the High Transmission Level after two weeks
Key Factors for Escalating Alert Levels				
Governor's Executive Order Updated MDH CDC Guidelines	Guidelines allows for in-person classes	<i>Increasing restrictions →</i> 		Shelter in Place Order Minimal campus operations
Health care resources	Total ICU capacity in Northeast MN is roughly 100 beds	<i>Decreasing resources →</i> 		Evacuate campus
Ability to Deliver Academic Program	Faculty availability and conditions allow for in-person/hybrid classes	<i>Decreasing availability →</i> 		All classes remote
Ability to Provide Essential Campus Services	Full staffing and conditions allow for delivery of health services, campus safety, food services, and facilities management	<i>Decreasing ability to support campus operations</i> 		Evacuate campus
COVID Response	Critical supplies on hand i.e.	<i>Decreasing availability →</i>		Transmissions have

¹ Updated: October 2021

Preparedness	PPE, cleaning and disinfecting agents, hand sanitizer		exhausted the College's resources
Testing	Appropriate testing is available via College resources or supported by MDH	<i>Decreasing availability →</i> 	Cannot obtain

Key Mitigation and Response Conditions

Alert Level 1: Low COVID Normal Campus Operations MDH: Low Transmission	Alert Level 2: Medium Modified Campus Operations MDH: Medium Transmission	Alert Level 3: High Limited Operations MDH: High Transmission	Alert Level 4: Very High Minimal Operations MDH: Sustained High Transmission
Community Standards Required Campus Physical Environment Mitigation in place	Level 1 conditions apply Increased communications with Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and Local Public Health (LPH) Consider limiting operations of some on-campus activities and services	Level 1 and 2 conditions apply unless superseded by more stringent Level 3 conditions In collaboration with MDH/LPH, increase broad based testing Consider short-term remote learning Students given the option to go home to assist in the further decompression of campus. Only essential staff on-campus Increase grab and go dining Reduced campus activities and events Consider suspending inter-campus visitors to residence	Level 1, 2 and 3 conditions apply unless superseded by more stringent Level 4 conditions Implement short-term remote learning Consider Evacuating campus with exception of students who cannot return home Consider restricting to minimal essential staff Restrict access to campus, no in-person events Consider full remote teaching

		halls and restrict access to some campus facilities Limit or prohibit visitors to campus	
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Campus Activities and Facilities Adjustments by Alert Level Response

Campus Activities & Facilities	Alert Level 1: Low COVID Normal Campus Operations	Alert Level 2: Medium Modified Campus Operations	Alert Level 3: High Limited Operations	Alert Level 4: Very High Minimal Operations
Staff Work	On campus	On campus	Limited on campus Work from home if not in direct support or essential campus services	Essential employees only
Academic Delivery	In-person and online	In-person and online	In-person and possible online	In-person and possible online
Student Work	In-person	In-person or remote	Remote only	Remote only
Academic Buildings	Open	Open with restrictions	Limited access	Closed
Library	Open with restrictions	Open with restrictions	Limited access	Closed
Residence Halls	Open to inter-campus visits	Open to inter-campus visits	Limited to building residence only. Consider those that can go home to have the option to decompress campus.	Limit to only to students that cannot exit. And those remaining in quarantine and isolation spaces.
Dining Facilities	Open all meals	Open all meals Designated to maintain physical distancing	Designated meal times Increased grab and go options	Minimal to serve students remaining Grab and go
Chapel	Open	Sisters of the Monastery only	Sisters of the Monastery only	Sisters of the Monastery only

Music Instruction	In-person with special mitigation measures	In-person with special mitigation measures	Virtual	Virtual
Athletics	Varsity and JV teams can practice and compete with appropriate measures	Varsity and JV teams can practice and compete with appropriate measures	Limited practices and competition. Consider ending practice and competitions.	No athletic team practices
Fitness Center	Open with restrictions	Open at reduced capacity and with restrictions	Closed	Closed
Student Clubs and Organizations	Approved activities	Consider restrictions as necessary. At 2% and above student positivity rate, limit large indoor gatherings of more than 100 people (except dining)	Increased virtual activities and limit large indoor gatherings of more than 100 people (except dining)	Virtual Only
Club Sports	Practice and competition with approval	Practice and competition with approval	Limited practices and competition. Consider ending practice and competitions.	None
Intramurals	Allowed with approval of the Intramural Office	Allowed with approval of the Intramural Office	Allowed with low risk activities. Consider restricting high risk activities.	None
Admissions	Open with Restrictions	Open with Restrictions	Virtual Tours	Virtual Tours
Outside spaces	In use	In use – no masking unless in large outdoor group events where physical distancing of at least 3 feet cannot be maintained	In use – mask required	Restricted
Visitors	Allowed with visitor masking requirements.	Allowed with visitor masking requirements. Consider limiting to essential service providers and approved visitors.	Limited essential service providers and approved visitors	No visitors- only essential contractors and service providers.

Travel	Allowed following College Guidance	Allowed following College Guidance	May restrict student or College business travel	No College travel
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