

IDI Covid Precautions Commitment - 2026

We have outlined the following precautions to do our best to keep our community safe while still gathering in person. Our policy is in line with [Hampshire College's Covid policies](#). Hampshire College no longer requires vaccinations of its students and guests. We will not require proof of vaccinations. Masks will be optional during our indoor sessions, but may be prescribed by Hampshire staff in the serving area of the dining hall. Please keep in mind that there are a number of older adults and people who have chronic health conditions in our community, who we are trying to protect with these measures. We appreciate all your efforts to this end.

We ask folks to take a Covid test (PCR or rapid) 1 - 2 days before traveling to arrive in Amherst, MA, and text a photo of your result to Rebecca at (516) 661-6275 **and include your name in the text**. Additionally, we will provide everyone with one Covid test during the Institute to take 48 hours after arrival. Rebecca will pass out tests upon in-person welcome and registration. If you have access to Covid tests, we encourage you to pack more as a precaution. Please contact Rebecca immediately if you test positive at any point during the Institute. Her phone number will be provided again upon in-person registration.

In the case of an infection, the college will not have separate housing for isolation and we do not have the capacity to offer drop-off meal service. Someone from the group can be designated to pick up bagged meals from the dining commons.

Closest Hospital: Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton, MA

Closest Urgent Care: Cooley Dickinson Urgent Care in Amherst, MA & MedExpress Urgent Care in Hadley MA

	Before Arriving at Hampshire	48 Hours After Your Arrival
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Vaccines	Proof of vaccine not required	N/A
Testing	Please take a Covid test (PCR or rapid) 1 - 2 days before traveling to arrive in Amherst, MA, and text a photo of your result to Rebecca at (516) 661-6275 <u>with your name in the text.</u>	We will give you a test to take 48 hours after your arrival. Additionally, we will have tests on hand for anyone exhibiting symptoms after that time. Should someone test positive during the Institute, we will notify all participants as soon as possible by email and/or text. We will ask all participants to take an additional test at that time if it has been a sufficient amount of time after the last group testing. Should you test positive, unfortunately we ask that you do not participate in our group gatherings. We cannot guarantee isolated housing and meal service on campus.
Masks	Please pack masks. We recommend K-N95 masks for best protection and comfort.	Barring an exposure to a known case, masks will be optional for both indoor and outdoor sessions. Masks may be required when getting food in the serving

		area of the dining hall, per the discretion of the college. Indoor and outdoor seating dining options are available.
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Thank you, again, for all your efforts to keep everyone safe.