



# PRE-ARRIVAL QUARANTINE AND TESTING

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## Pre-arrival Quarantine

The Hill School is requiring all students to take utmost precautions to ensure their health and campus health leading up to arrival on campus this fall. This includes a self-quarantine for 14 days **in the United States** during which all students, both domestic and international, should

- Stay at home (or other private accommodations) except for essentials;
- Limit contact with others outside of their households;
- Avoid public transportation;
- Practice physical distancing;
- Keep a log of temperatures and relevant [symptoms](#) using Hill's Wave app.

We require students from [states](#) currently listed by the state of Pennsylvania as having a high number of cases of COVID-19 to quarantine within Pennsylvania and have added an option for those students to quarantine on campus. We **strongly urge** that all students undertake this quarantine within driving distance of campus so that once the quarantine is completed, they can proceed to campus without the exposures inherent to air, bus, or train travel. We recognize this causes an inconvenience for some of our families. However, the health of our community during an ongoing pandemic requires extra precautions. If you absolutely must travel by plane, bus, or train, at the conclusion of your quarantine, or your drive to campus will require overnight accommodations, we ask that you strictly follow these [additional precautions](#) as indicated by the CDC. We may also require students who take public transportation during or at the end of quarantine to undergo a second viral test upon/after campus arrival. If, during the quarantine period, you have a fever or experience one or more of the [symptoms of COVID-19](#), please do not proceed to campus at the scheduled time. Call your doctor for evaluation, testing, and clearance and notify the Wellness Center at 610-705-1111 or [WellnessCenterStaff@thehill.org](mailto:WellnessCenterStaff@thehill.org). You will need clearance from the Wellness Center before being permitted to arrive on campus.

## Pre-arrival COVID-19 Testing

We are planning to have all students, faculty, and staff tested for COVID-19 prior to the start of classes. As there are varying expert opinions on the utility of screening asymptomatic individuals, this is only one layer of our prevention strategy for the coming year. The testing industry is rapidly developing but continues to struggle with persistent supply chain challenges while resources in communities are appropriately steered

toward treating those who are ill and require diagnostic evaluation. Our initial plan for testing students on a mass screening level was through Quest Diagnostics' newly formed Back-to-School COVID-19 Testing. However, it has become apparent in the past several days that the turnaround time for lab results at Quest exceeds our expectations.

We will require all students to arrive with confirmed documentation of a negative COVID-19 **viral test** which was **performed\* on or after August 10**. This is a test for active infection, **NOT an antibody test**. Communities may have variable resources from which to obtain this test. Contact your primary care provider **as soon as possible** to discuss how to get this test in your area. Many urgent care facilities have begun offering this test; that may be an option. Please note that the time it takes for some labs to provide results can be more than a week. Please discuss with your doctor **today** the optimal timing of the test to ensure that you will receive your test result **prior to traveling** to campus.

If, by **August 1**, you are unable to identify a test source to achieve this requirement, please notify the Wellness Center at [WellnessCenterStaff@thehill.org](mailto:WellnessCenterStaff@thehill.org). We will discuss alternate plans which may be available at a cost to the family.

\*indicates date sample was collected

**This does not apply to those students undergoing quarantine on campus. Testing for these students will be performed by the Wellness Center team.**

### **Wellness Center Registration Process**

To qualify for entry to campus, the student must:

- Arrive at the appointed date and time;
- Have completed a 14-day quarantine in the United States and not in a restricted state;
- Have completed the Wave app screening log of symptoms, temperature measurements, and exposure risk;
- Have a log which is clear of any abnormal symptom responses and no exposure within the quarantine period;
- Have a negative health screening without symptoms and with a normal temperature upon arrival;
- Have all health forms submitted with active health insurance in force.

Students will arrive according to the individual appointment date communicated by the School. Upon arrival, the student will be processed through the Wellness Center registration area while wearing a mask and maintaining physical distancing. Parents will wait in the parking lot to ensure the student has been cleared to enter the campus.

The Wellness Center staff will review the student's screening log for completeness and negative results and measure the student's temperature. If there are any abnormal findings on the log or arrival screening, the student will be sent off campus with the parent for further evaluation by the primary care physician or urgent care. If the student has traveled alone, any abnormal result will result in the student being further evaluated in the Wellness Center.