

Social Distancing Protocol

To maintain the safety of our community, Westmont College requires all students, faculty, staff and visitors to comply with the social distancing protocols of the CDC, State of California, and County of Santa Barbara, including maintaining six-foot social distancing whenever they're in the presence of others on campus. Additionally, Westmont will institute and require the following:

1. Hand sanitizer and/or hand-washing stations at all publicly accessible and employee entrances to buildings.
2. All faculty and staff will receive a reusable face covering (as defined by the CDC) that covers both the nose and mouth and can be securely attached to the face. The employee is responsible for cleaning the face covering, bringing it to campus each day, and wearing it as recommended on campus. Faculty and staff may also use their own personally provided face covering assuming it comports with CDC standards.
3. All faculty, staff and students will be required to wear a face covering when in a building and in all common spaces. Use of a face covering is not necessary in the employee's own office, assuming it's not a communal space and only one person occupies the office. Students will not be required to wear face coverings in their own residence hall rooms. Faculty, students, and staff will also be required to wear the face covering while walking between buildings.
4. Guests to campus will be required to wear a face covering once they exit their vehicle on Westmont property. Guests who traveled together need not abide by the six-foot distance with each other but must stay six feet away from other individuals on campus.
5. All break rooms are closed until further notice. Microwaves and refrigerators can be used, but departments/users will need to ensure these high-touch areas are cleaned (disinfected) after each use.
6. Any waiting areas with seating need to be rearranged to ensure at least six feet between each seat.
7. Meetings should still take place via an electronic medium (Zoom, Google Hangouts, etc.) whenever possible, even if all participants are on campus. If it's not feasible to meet electronically, then the meeting room needs to be large enough to ensure at least six feet between participants. In addition, attendees must wear face coverings. The space needs to be cleaned by those in the meeting after using it (table, chairs, etc.), with cleaning tools provided by the college.
8. Faculty and staff shall be required to sanitize their workspaces before leaving by disinfecting desks/workspace surfaces including phones, keyboards/laptops, door handles, and any other items/areas that have been utilized throughout the day.
9. In addition to these protocols, several areas on campus (mail center, Dining Commons, bookstore, residence halls) may institute additional protocols for entry, line-formation, or touchless payment. Please comply with any additional requirements at these locations.
10. Any employees who experience any of the CDC-identified COVID-19 symptoms (cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell) should immediately return home and notify his/her supervisor. Any student experiencing these symptoms should immediately return to his/her room and notify a resident director and/or the director of Westmont's Student Health Center. No visitors exhibiting any of these symptoms will be allowed on campus.

Westmont College takes the health of the people in its community seriously. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in expulsion from campus for visitors and temporary removal/disciplinary action for students and employees. All protocols stated above are in line with CDC, State of California Department of Public Health, County of Santa Barbara Department of Public Health, and Cal-OSHA recommendations/regulations, and may be updated accordingly. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to risk@westmont.edu.