

Testing & Contact Tracing

In the event that a COVID-19 case has been confirmed, the response in the form of a facility closure as a control measure must be based on the assessed risk, contact tracing, and results with potential spread factors, and the degree of cleaning/disinfecting/contact tracing with local health officials.

Health Monitoring & Screening

We will engage in regular monitoring and screening of scholars and staff health. First and foremost, individuals - employees, scholars, or visitors - who become ill with symptoms of COVID-19 are directed to stay home. All individuals who enter the building (scholars, staff, community members, vendors, etc..) will have their temperature taken using non-contact thermometers upon entry into the building. The protocol for morning temperature checks when we move into Tier 2 - Mixology is outlined below. The school will plan on utilizing an APP that staff and family members can utilize for health monitoring.

What follows is the four-step plan which will be activated when addressing a confirmed Scholar / Staff (“Person”) COVID-19 case at Amani:

1. Isolate/Quarantine Confirmed Person

The infected Person should remain at home until released by a physician or public health official. If a medical note releasing the employee is unavailable, we will follow the CDC guidelines on when a Person may discontinue [self-isolation](#), which contains specific requirements depending upon whether the Person tested positive for COVID-19 and the symptoms exhibited. We will also coordinate with the Westchester County Department of Health for their return.

2. Address and Isolate Persons Working or Interacting Near An Infected Person

We will engage in contact tracing and conduct a [6-15-48 review](#). Ask infected Person to identify all individuals who they were near (within six feet) for a prolonged period of time (the current CDC [guidance](#) states that “recommendations vary on the length of time of exposure, but 15 minutes of close exposure can be used as an operational definition”) with them from the 48 hours before the onset of symptoms until the infected Person is cleared to [discontinue self-isolation](#).

We will send home all Persons who worked closely with the infected Scholar / Staff for 14 days after the last exposure under [CDC Guidance](#) to ensure the infection does not spread. While quarantined, those Persons should self-monitor for symptoms (check temperature twice a day, watch for fever, cough, or shortness of breath), avoid contact with [high-risk individuals](#), and follow [CDC guidance](#) if symptoms develop.

3. Clean and Disinfect the Person's Workplace

After a confirmed COVID-19 case, we will follow the [CDC guidelines](#) for cleaning and disinfecting the workplace. Our cleaning staff will clean and disinfect all areas (e.g. offices, bathrooms, and common areas) used by the ill Person, focusing especially on frequently touched surfaces.

4. Notification of Scholars / Staff

For any suspected case of COVID-19 the Westchester County Department of Health will be notified which will initiate certain protocols set up by the county. Following a confirmed COVID-19 case, and as recommended by the CDC, we will notify all Scholars/Staff who work/taught in the area where the Person was located. We will do so without revealing any confidential medical information such as the name of the Person. We will inform Scholars / Staff of the actions you have taken, including requiring persons who interacted closely with the infected Person to go home. We will let Scholars / Staff know about sanitizing and cleaning efforts and remind them to seek medical attention if they exhibit symptoms.

Amani will cooperate with contact tracing efforts, including notification of potential contacts within the best of our capabilities while maintaining confidentiality required by state and federal law and regulations.

Amami is uniquely qualified to pivot quickly in the delivery of the educational program amongst the three Tiers, (AOL, Mixology, Brick & Mortar). Should the conditions related to the pandemic or its impact on the health and safety of the community warrant, Amami will decide to pivot between the Tiers in consultation with all the relevant stakeholders. Factors that will impact our decision making include, but are not limited to, the following: outbreak of cases within a cohort, a grade, a division, or within the employee base, a significant uptick in cases in Westchester County, and/or guidance issued by relevant local and state agencies and/or public health officials.