

Breakthrough

COVID-19 Protocols

Participants Who Are Fully Vaccinated

Per the CDC, “**fully vaccinated**” refers to a person who is: ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series (Moderna or Pfizer), or ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine (Johnson & Johnson).

Breakthrough Admissions Responsibilities

Specific to COVID-19 and in addition to the standard pre-admission and admission process for Breakthrough participants, Breakthrough admissions will:

1. Review Caron’s COVID-19 mitigation and response protocols with all Breakthrough participants (see “Breakthrough COVID-19 Guidelines and Protocols – Participant Handout”).
2. During the intake process, ask the participant if they have been fully vaccinated (Y/N) and document.
3. Explain that acceptable proof of vaccination (described below) must be provided to Breakthrough admissions no later than three (3) business days prior to the participant’s anticipated arrival to Pennsylvania campus.
4. Explain that upon arrival to Pennsylvania campus, participant will complete an “Authorization and Consent to COVID-19 Testing for Breakthrough Clients” form and will be Point of Care tested for COVID-19.

Acceptable Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination

1. If immunized in the United States:
 - a. The CDC vaccination card is the primary source of acceptable proof of vaccination.
 - b. Other acceptable sources may include formal documentation from the participant’s health care provider or state or local department of health.
 - c. **All documentation must include** the participant’s name, vaccine manufacturer, number of doses and date received, vaccine lot number, and site of administration.
2. If immunized outside of the United States:
 - a. Acceptable proof of vaccination includes a vaccine certificate, vaccination card, or formal documentation from the participant’s health care provider.
 - b. **All documentation must include** the participant’s name, vaccine manufacturer, number of doses and date received, vaccine lot number, and site of administration.

Upon receiving acceptable proof of COVID-19 vaccination, Breakthrough admissions will:

1. Upload the proof of vaccination to the “Document Imaging” section of the participant’s electronic medical record (EMR).

If a Fully Vaccinated Participant Develops Symptoms Associated with COVID-19

1. Participant will immediately notify therapist or evening Behavioral Health Tech of COVID-19 symptoms.
 - a. Breakthrough therapist or evening Behavioral Health Tech will instruct the participant to quarantine in his/her private room in the Breakthrough (Gill Duffy) house and notify the campus charge nurse on duty.
 - b. Campus charge nurse on duty will arrange for nursing staff to report to the participant's private room in the Breakthrough (Gill Duffy) house, test the participant for COVID-19, and ensure the participant remains quarantined in the private room until he/she tests negative for COVID-19 or, if tests positive, is sent home from the Breakthrough program.
2. **If the participant tests negative** for COVID-19, he/she will be released from quarantine and resume Breakthrough programming.
 - a. No follow up action is necessary for other participants.
3. **If the participant tests positive** for COVID-19, Breakthrough therapist and/or Behavioral Health Tech staff will refer to the "Med 10.0" policy for medical treatment of Breakthrough participants.
 - a. A positive COVID-19 test will result in the Breakthrough program closing.
 - b. All Breakthrough participants will be sent home and instructed to consult with their PCP.
 - c. Staff contact tracing will be conducted by the Breakthrough program director (with support from Risk Management and Human Resources) following Caron's contact tracing protocol as outlined in the Wernersville COVID-19 Tool Kit (accessible via the COVID-19 SharePoint page).

Participants Traveling to Caron Pennsylvania from Outside of the Continental U.S.

Based on the frequently evolving CDC and state health department COVID-19 recommendation and orders regarding travel and vaccinations, quarantine and testing requirements for participants traveling to Caron Pennsylvania from a location outside of the Continental U.S. will be evaluated on an individual basis.

At minimum, admissions and Caron medical provider will identify the participant's post-travel requirements for quarantine and testing based on:

- Where the participant is traveling from (country, territory, etc.).
- Participant's vaccination status.
- Pennsylvania-specific international travel protocols in place at the time of travel.
- CDC international travel recommendations in place at the time of travel.