

HUSL Covid-19 Amendment as of Fall 2023

The Howard University School of Law is conducting courses fully in-person. There is no remote option to attend classes unless otherwise noted on the course schedule. Thus, “Attendance” means attending a class in person, except for the documented circumstance when a student is approved for Alternate Attendance due to a positive Covid diagnosis.

When a student is confirmed as approved for alternate attendance, the student may be granted permission to:

- (i) attend class remotely (e.g., via synchronous Zoom) if the professor has made that option available; or
- (ii) satisfy the attendance requirement by viewing/listening to a class recording; or
- (iii) satisfy the attendance requirement by receiving class notes and assignments from a classmate; or
- (iv) another method as determined by the professor.

The mode of how the material is provided is at the discretion of the professor and is subject to the approval of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. Faculty members are not authorized to grant any additional exceptions to the Attendance Policy absent prior written approval from the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

In order for a student to be approved for Alternate Attendance, the student must:

1. Provide as much advance notice as possible and request for approval to attend in one of the above modes. (The faculty member will determine the mode(s) of alternative attendance.)
2. The student must provide this notice and request to their professor(s) via direct email and to the Covid policy administrator (“the Administrator”) via the [COVID-19 Alternate Attendance Request Form](#).
3. The student must provide dated evidence of the positive Covid diagnosis in the form of:
 - a. clinic or doctor’s note,
 - b. an online positive test confirmation from an external source, or
 - c. dated photos of an at-home positive Covid test.

All students are held to the University Code of Conduct regarding submission of documents under this policy.

Note that there are no excused absences or a right to an alternative mode of attendance; the request may be denied if not documented or credible; and the request may be limited to a certain time period and/or other conditions. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that they provide the necessary documentation and quickly reply to any further inquiry. The Administrator or other designee will make the result of the request available to the student and to the professors if approved.