COVID-19 Back-to-Campus Preparedness Plan
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**GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

St. Cloud Technical & Community College (SCTCC) is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for our students, faculty, staff, and members of our campus community. To ensure that, we have developed this COVID-19 Back-to-Campus Preparedness Plan in response to the COVID-19 pandemic utilizing guidance offered in CDC and MDH guidelines and recommendations, campus walk-throughs, Town Hall and other stakeholder feedback. This plan was developed using the following Guiding Principles:

- Live our values (safety/health, equity)
- Prioritize health and safety while meeting students’ needs
- Engage stakeholders in the planning process
- Empower managers and supervisors to make decisions
- Provide a high-quality student experience
- Communicate, communicate, communicate

All employees and students are responsible for implementing this plan. All employees have the Cabinet’s full support enforcing the plan’s provisions. Our goal is to mitigate the potential for transmission of COVID-19 on our campus and that requires full cooperation among students, faculty, staff and members of our campus community. Only through a cooperative effort, can we establish and maintain the safety and health of our campus. Your involvement has been essential in developing and implementing a successful Campus COVID-19 Preparedness Plan. This plan follows Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) guidelines and federal OSHA standards related to COVID-19 and addresses:

- Hygiene and respiratory etiquette;
- Engineering and administrative controls for physical distancing;
- Housekeeping – cleaning, disinfecting and decontamination;
- Prompt identification and isolation of sick persons;
- Communications and training that will be provided to supervisors and employees; and
- Management and supervision necessary to ensure effective implementation of the plan.

**CAMPUS BUILDING ACCESS AND HEALTH SCREENING TOOL**

Entry to buildings is available through normal entrances during regular building hours (see below). Prior to entering any campus facility, all individuals are required to self-assess COVID-19 symptoms. See Appendix A.

For campus maps, please see Appendix B.

**CAMPUS HOURS**

Northway Building and Health Science Building hours are 6:30 am – 9:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

CTECH southwest door will be open from 7:15am – 4:30pm M-F.
Heartland Building will be open 8:00am – 6pm M-R and 8:00am – 4pm on Fridays.

Hours are subject to change. Employees already in the building may stay after closing as needed. Students who remain after hours must be accompanied by faculty or staff.

**CHILDREN ON CAMPUS**

Children are not permitted in classrooms except as granted by the faculty member responsible for a class. Children shall not be present at an employee’s workplace in lieu of other childcare arrangements except as granted on an emergency basis by an appropriate supervisor.

**CONTACT TRACING / COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL**

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) is finalizing contact tracing protocols with higher education institutions. Currently, MDH handles all case and contact tracing and notifies SCTCC Administration for situational awareness. SCTCC will work in collaboration with MDH on contact investigations, identification of potential clusters and notification protocols. The following are steps for notification of potential COVID-19 confirmed cases (See Appendix C):

- Students who become aware of a possible COVID-19 infection or test positive for COVID-19 should notify their faculty. The faculty should notify their Dean and Safety Department at [https://webapps.sctcc.edu/covid_tracking/](https://webapps.sctcc.edu/covid_tracking/). The Safety Office and the Dean will work with the student and affected faculty to determine a plan for quarantine, sanitation, and safe return.
- Employees who become aware of possible COVID-19 infection or test positive for COVID-19 should contact their supervisor immediately who should then fill out the COVID-19 tracking form at [https://webapps.sctcc.edu/covid_tracking/](https://webapps.sctcc.edu/covid_tracking/). The Safety Officer and HR will work with the employee to determine a plan for quarantine, sanitation, and safe return.
- Employees should use the safety@sctcc.edu email address to submit concerns and questions related to the COVID-19 Pandemic. This email address is specifically for SCTCC employees and students to use and is accessed by IT, Safety & Security, Human Resources, and the Vice President for Administration.
- MDH provides contact tracing services for lab-tested COVID-19 positive cases, however, in cases where a campus is notified before MDH receives test results, the Safety Office and HR will immediately make preliminary notifications to students, staff, or faculty who may have been exposed. The Safety Office will notify MDH through their reporting portal of any self-reported positive tests.
- Through contact tracing, anyone who was exposed to the reported COVID-19 case will be contacted directly by MDH after the case is confirmed. Campus-wide notifications will not be sent. Rather, those who have been identified through contact tracing will be notified.

Confirmed campus cases will continue to be reported during each COVID-19 Response Team Meeting and posted in the meeting minutes. All FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) and HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) regulations will be followed should a case be identified on campus. Confirmed cases will be communicated according to the establish protocols outlined by the Minnesota State system, but specifics that would identify the individual(s) will not be shared Minnesota State Colleges and Universities in cooperation with MDH has adopted a decision framework to inform response to COVID-19 cases on campus and changes in community spread. Mitigation strategies are triggered by criteria that considers rates of campus spread, area outbreaks, vaccination rates and other
factors. Please see Appendix D for the complete framework.

EMPLOYEE LEAVE POLICIES

SCTCC follows the MMB (Minnesota Management & Budget) leave policies found at https://mn.gov/mmb/employee-relations/laws-policies-and-rules/statewide-hr-policies/. Accommodations for workers with underlying medical conditions or who have household members with underlying health conditions will be followed as outlined by MMB and Minnesota State.

EXTERNAL AGENCIES HOUSED ON CAMPUS

Organizations that lease space on the SCTCC Campus will be allowed to reopen.

FACE COVERINGS (MASKS)

SCTCC complies with the CDC guidance for masking protocols in indoor spaces for counties of signifycante and high risk of transmission level. Masking protocols are currently in place that require masks to be worn by all individuals while in an SCTCC facility or participating in an SCTCC program. In addition, masks must be worn in outdoor spaces when 3 feet social distancing is not possible. Academic programs may have additional requirements that supersede this standard.

Anyone one that is unable to wear a face mask can apply for an exception. If the exception is granted, the individual must wear an approved face shield in place of the mask. The process for applying for an exception can be found at mask exception process.

Areas considered a health care setting, including the waiting area of the dental clinic, have special mitigating requirements that can be found at https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/ep/surge/crisis/index.html#ppe.

For more information about acceptable face coverings, proper wear, and washing please visit https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/prevention.html#masks.

FACE-TO-FACE INSTRUCTION

SCTCC follows the guidance provided by Minnesota State as it relates to in-person instruction. (See Appendix F)

HANDWASHING

Basic infection prevention measures have been implemented at our campus. Employees and students are being instructed to wash their hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water frequently throughout the day, but especially at the beginning and end of their time on campus, prior to any mealtimes and after using the restroom. All visitors to campus facilities are encouraged to wash their hands prior to or immediately upon entering the facility. All work and classroom places have hand-sanitizer dispensers in them, and hand sanitizer is available by contacting 320-308-3382 for anyone needing additional supplies. (Sanitizers must be of greater than 60% alcohol.)
HEALTH SCREENING TOOL

The colleges and universities of Minnesota State are required to implement a COVID-19 self-assessment for individuals entering any campus building.

Every employee, student, and visitor to campus must complete a self-assessment for COVID-19 symptoms.

The self-assessment should include evaluation of:
- A new cough
- A fever
- Shortness of breath
- Loss of taste and/or smell
- Increased fatigue
- New body aches
- Congestion
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Headache
- Chest pain

Students who complete but do not pass the health screening are not authorized to enter campus buildings and must contact their instructors to discuss academic and student service options available to the student.

Employees who complete but do not pass the health screening are not authorized to enter the workplace and must report to their supervisor using their regular call-in procedure.

Visitors who complete, but do not pass the health screening are not authorized to enter any campus building.

ENFORCEMENT

Supervisors are expected to monitor compliance with the screening tool among their direct reports. Faculty and staff are not required to, but may inquire with anyone exhibiting symptoms. Students are required to comply with this request. Should a student refuse to comply with the request, the employee should contact the Health and Safety Advocate at 320-428-1780.

EXPERIENCING SYMPTOMS

Students and Employees who experience symptoms while at home are to communicate their illness to their instructors/supervisors and will be informed to stay home.

If an employee or student becomes sick while on campus, they will be sent home immediately and surfaces in their workspace/study space will be cleaned and disinfected.

SCTCC will follow Minnesota Department of Health and local health department guidance and direction on informing
others if they have been exposed to a person with COVID-19 on campus and may require them to quarantine for the required amount of time.

**HOUSEKEEPING**

**GENERAL / PUBLIC SPACES**

The General Maintenance Workers are responsible for cleaning general/public spaces. Regular housekeeping practices have been implemented, including routine cleaning of work and study surfaces, equipment, vehicles and areas in the campus environment, including classrooms, labs, restrooms, common areas, breakrooms, lunchrooms, and meeting rooms. If an area or room has a suspected case of COVID-19 then the room will be sanitized according to CDC guidelines.

**FACILITIES / MAINTENANCE AND CLASSROOMS**

The College will follow the guidance of the MDH, the CDC, and the government of the State of Minnesota. Class sizes will be limited in accordance with this guidance. New classroom capacities have been calculated and are displayed in the room scheduling system.

To ensure physical distancing requirements are met, seating arrangements in classrooms will be modified to ensure students are spaced at intervals consistent with physical distancing.

The students using a specific classroom will share in the responsibility of disinfecting areas where they are seated in the classroom.

The campus will be cleaned by maintenance staff once a day. All high touch areas will be sprayed with disinfectant and all classrooms/labs in use will be thoroughly cleaned each evening. Sanitation supplies (gloves, hand sanitizer, bottle of disinfectant, disinfecting wipes) will also be placed in all classrooms and lab spaces for use as follows:

- Students may use hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting class
- Students may wipe down areas where they will be sitting
- The best prevention is frequent hand washing, physical distancing and face coverings

Any maintenance needs for classrooms can be addressed via the college’s work order system or contacting maintenance at 320-308-3382.

**OFFICES / DEPARTMENT SPACES**

The responsibility for disinfecting individual departments and offices is the responsibility of the employees located in those areas. Special emphasis will be given to frequent contact surfaces, including, but not limited to workstations, door handles, meeting spaces and equipment. Employees will pay special attention to those tools and equipment shared amongst employees, including printers and kitchen appliances and surface areas. Wipes will be provided by maintenance. The frequency of air filter replacement and HVAC system cleaning will be increased, with fresh air exchange maximized.

Employees have been educated about washing their hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds, are provided masks, and have been instructed to clean surfaces with disinfectant wipes. More frequent cleaning and disinfecting may be required based on the level of use.

If it is known that a student or employee using the campus has become diagnosed with COVID-19, cleaning protocols
outlined by the CDC will be followed by the Maintenance Staff. These include, but are not limited to:

1. Clean and disinfect **all areas used by the person who is sick**, such as offices, bathrooms, common areas, shared electronic equipment like tablets, touch screens, keyboards, remote controls, and ATM machines.

Maintenance staff will work with vendors and suppliers to ensure an uninterrupted supply of cleaning supplies and necessary Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) are available.

**COMPUTER LABS**

Hand sanitizing stations will be provided at the entrance of the computer lab. Students and employees are to use the hand sanitizer upon entering the lab. Wipes are also available at workstations for users to wipe down prior and after computer use. Wipes must be disposed of in a proper trash receptacle. Computers will spaced as to promote physical distancing in the computer labs. Computer lab staff will ensure proper distancing requirements are being met. Computer carts should be sanitized with wipes before and after use.

**JOB APPLICATIONS**

Applicant interviews will be conducted by phone or video screening for candidates whenever possible. If necessary, in-person interviews will be conducted in large spaces where physical distancing can be practiced.

**PLEXIGLAS BARRIERS**

Plexiglas shields are being used by departments as an additional safety precaution. Areas of focus for the use of plexiglas are high traffic areas such as Admissions, Financial Aid, Records and Registration, Advising, Bookstore, and the Computer Lab. Individual department plans included an evaluation where face to face contact with students or visitors to the college often occurred and appropriate barriers were established per plan requests. The barriers are a measure put into place to help mitigate face to face exposure.

**RESPIRATORY ETIQUETTE**

*Cover Your Cough or Sneeze*

Employees and visitors are being instructed to cover their mouth and nose with their sleeve or a tissue when coughing or sneezing, and to avoid touching their face (their mouth, nose and eyes in particular) with their hands. They should dispose of tissues in the trash and wash or sanitize their hands immediately afterward. Respiratory etiquette will be demonstrated on posters posted throughout the campus. Employees and students are encouraged to review the College’s [COVID-19 Website](https://example.com) for additional information and updates.

Here are a few important things to keep in mind:

- Masks or cloth face coverings can help with preventing **your** germs from infecting others – especially in situations where you may spread the virus without symptoms.
- Wearing a mask or cloth face coverings does **not** protect you from others who may spread the virus. So, whether you wear a mask or cloth face coverings, you still need to wash your hands frequently, cover your cough, and practice physical distancing by keeping at least 3 feet of space between people.
- People who are sick should stay home. Wearing a mask or cloth face covering does not mean people who are sick should go out into the community. If you are sick and need to go to the doctor, call your health care provider before going in and wear a mask or cloth face covering to the clinic.
- **Don’t buy or wear surgical or N95 masks.** These supplies are in high need in health care facilities to protect health care workers.
- A mask or cloth face covering should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask or cloth face coverings without assistance.

**SIGNAGE**

Signage has been placed throughout the campus, including designated entrances, digital screens, and casual seating areas. The signage includes health and sanitation reminders and information about physical distancing while on the campus. Signage has also been posted throughout the various offices/departments on campus to remind employees about physical distancing and handwashing guidelines from the CDC. Employees have also been given clear instructions on how to properly clean, disinfect and sanitize all touchpoints in the work areas according to the CDC guidelines.

**PHYSICAL DISTANCING**

Physical distancing is being implemented on campus through the following controls:

- Employees and students are asked to maintain three feet of distance between colleagues and visitors whenever possible.
- Plexiglas has or will be installed in high traffic areas, such as the Business Office, Library, Admissions, and Advising when a three-foot separation is not feasible.
- Be aware of and avoid crowded spaces including break areas or lunchrooms, elevators, and restrooms.
- Vehicles will only be signed out to single occupants with a maximum of two occupants. See addition information below on state vehicle use.
- Meetings or non-instructional gatherings of greater than 12 should be done virtually if possible. Meetings of 12 or less should only be held in larger areas where physical distancing can be maintained.
- Room capacities, including classrooms, have been updated for COVID-19 capacity in the room scheduling software.
- Employees, students and visitors are discouraged from gathering in groups and confined areas, including elevators.
- Staff working on campus will be provided personal protective equipment (i.e. masks) as appropriate.
- Cloth and disposable face masks are available if an individual does not have one. Employees may email safety@sctcc.edu and ask that a mask be placed in their SCTCC mailbox. In the case an employee does not have a mailbox, alternate arrangements can be made.
- Disinfectant wipes have been placed throughout the campus in classrooms and office suites.

**STATE VEHICLES / EQUIPMENT**

In order to ensure every precaution is taken to assure a healthy and safe environment for our employees (especially those working in close proximity), only two (2) individuals should be in a state vehicle at any given time. This includes all state-
issued vehicles/equipment, including vehicles from the carpool, Security and Facilities cars/vans, tractors, utility vehicles, or any other state-owned vehicle.

If an emergency necessitates more than two individuals in a vehicle, a safety plan regarding the reason for the number of passengers and the safety plan for such usage must be documented by the department’s supervisor in the department’s pandemic plan and reported to the appropriate vice president. Cleaning touched surfaces in state vehicles must be followed, which can include using disinfecting wipes before and after the use of the vehicle. Wipes will be provided in each vehicle.

**SPECIFIC DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS**

In addition to the campus-wide planning, individual departments throughout the campus established plans and protocols specific for their operations to resume on campus. As part of this process, all SCTCC faculty and staff were engaged in working with their manager/supervisor to develop and submit a COVID-19 Return to Campus Plan. These plans were reviewed and used to determine what resources were needed to ensure implementation. Walk-throughs of each departmental area were conducted to determine if plan adjustments were needed and to address questions and/or concerns. Final plans have been documented in summary form here.

**BOOKSTORE AND REPROGRAPHICS**

**Bookstore**

The bookstore is open M-F 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. with extended hours the first week of classes.

The bookstore will limit the number of customers to 10 inside the store at any time. Employees will also adhere to physical distancing. Physical distancing stickers have been placed in the aisles near the cash registers to assist in physical distancing efforts. Tables have been placed in front of the counter to help build space between the customer and the employee during transactions at the register.

The best way to get your textbooks is to order them online through the SCTCC Bookstore (sctcc.edu/bookstore). To avoid lines and to get the best selections of used textbooks, we encourage students to buy early and buy online. To prevent delays in order processing, please provide a valid student ID number and a valid street address with all orders.

You have 3 ways to pick up orders
- Pay online, pick up in store
- Pay online, UPS shipped
- In Store purchase

Students are encouraged to view pricing on the Bookstore website in lieu of browsing in the store. If you’re coming to campus to get your books, please bring a copy of your class schedule to drop off at the Bookstore. Students will not be allowed in textbook aisles. Bookstore staff will fulfill orders for students. PSEO books will be packed and distributed by the Bookstore, please contact to Molly McAlister, Admissions/PSEO Specialist, to schedule a pickup time. For up-to-date information on book charging, textbook buyback, rental return due dates, PSEO returns, clothing sales and more check the Bookstore’s website at sctcc.edu/bookstore.

Bookstore staff will conduct daily cleaning of cooler doors, pin pads and other high touch areas.
Reprographics

Reprographics is open M-F 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Floor decals will be installed to mark appropriate distance between staff and customers. Faculty, staff and departments will be encouraged to learn mailbox combinations and to use mailboxes as intended. We will discourage employees from entering reprographics to access their mailbox on the staff side of the box.

Campus will be encouraged to send print/copy jobs electronically to: reprographics@sctcc.edu.

COMMONS, DINING SERVICE AND COFFEE SHOP

The Commons space will be open for students to use during building hours with physical distancing measures in place.

The Commons Dining Services will offer meals from 7:30a.m. – 2:00p.m. M-F.

The Common Grounds Coffee Shop will be open at 8:00a.m. – 2:00p.m. M-F.

BUSINESS SERVICES

Areas with primary student contact. For the most up-to-date information, please visit https://www.sctcc.edu/spring-2021-sctcc-plan-student-success

Accounts Receivable

Accounts Receivable staff are currently providing student assistance primarily through phone and e-mail communication. The student account issues are effectively being handled in this manner. If there is an issue that requires a face-to-face meeting, the students are asked to schedule an appointment with Accounts Receivable. Meetings will occur at the front line at a student help station to discuss and resolve any concerns. Walk-in students (no appointment) are asked to call 320-308-5512 to determine if concerns can be resolved over the phone. Students can call while still within the building at a properly distanced location. Most concerns are resolved in this manner. For concerns still needing attention, Accounts Receivable will work with the student to determine next steps to provide assistance.

Financial Services Assistance

e-Services is the primary tool for processing financial aid applications. By accessing e-Services, students have access to information that allows them to know what is needed to complete the financial aid process, accept loans, and determine financial aid eligibility. Plexiglas barriers have been established at the service counters. Two student “self-help” stations are located at the end of the Financial Services counter. Students can use these stations to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), check e-Services, pay bills, complete the financial aid process, and process federal student loans, etc. Disinfectant wipes will be available upon request to sanitize these stations between use.

Student payroll questions

Job postings are available through the Career Services website. Once a student has been hired as either student help or through work-study, the student will stop in to the Financial Services counter or set up an appointment by emailing kwolters@sctcc.edu to complete the employment paperwork. Timecards will continue to be processed electronically. Direct
deposit is encouraged but if direct deposit is not set up, a paper check will be mailed to the student’s permanent address on payday.

**Accepting payments**

Multiple communications have been sent to students setting the expectation that routine payments on account balances are best processed using e-Services.

- Services is the primary tool for processing payments on a student’s account using e-check or debit/credit card options.

For those who have entered the building, there is signage on the floor for physical distancing. Plexiglas barriers have been established in the desk areas. Credit cards machines for touchless transactions will be provided for the customer to use and wipes will be provided to sanitize the machines between uses.

Areas with primary staff/faculty/vendor contact: Grants, Purchasing, Accounts Payable, Third Party

All areas have been reviewed for physical distancing. Where needed, cubicles have been rearranged and office layouts have been evaluated for safety.

**STUDENT AFFAIRS**

Student Affairs offices will offer remote services through e-mail, telephone, and Zoom. If remote services are not feasible, staff will set appointments with students for on-campus services. Walk-ins will be serviced by the next available staff member. For the most up-to-date information, please visit [http://www.sctcc.edu/fall](http://www.sctcc.edu/fall)

**Admissions**

Admissions is open M-F, 7:30 am to 5:00 pm.
The front counter is equipped with plexiglas barriers. Floor decals installed to mark appropriate physical distance. There is a reverse student workstation set up at front counter to allow for technology assistance while maintaining appropriate physical distance.

Two cubicles in Admissions are configured to host face-to-face meetings with students. A plexiglas barriers are installed at each desktop. A reverse workstation will be set up to allow for technology assistance and document sharing while maintaining appropriate physical distance. No supplies such as pens, pencils, etc. will be shared. Service areas will be cleaned after each student is served.

**Mary Stangler Center for Academic Support (CAS)**

- The CAS will be open Monday through Thursday 7:30 am – 5:00 pm and Friday 7:30 am – 3:00 pm
- CAS will be available for both face-to-face and online tutoring
- Appointments can be made via the CAS website – [www.sctcc.edu/cas](http://www.sctcc.edu/cas)
- Tutors will be available for drop-in tutoring per the following schedule
  - Mathematics and Science – Monday and Tuesday
  - Writing, ESOL, other subjects – Wednesday and Thursday
- Check the CAS website for full schedule of tutoring
- The CAS will limit the number of people in the area to a maximum of 40 including staff at any one time

**Accessibility Services**

- Accessibility Services will be on-campus Monday through Friday from 7:30 – 5:00 pm
Accessibility Services will be able to help students with accommodation issues, technical issues, and questions. Accessibility Services can be contacted at 320-308-5064 or acc@sctcc.edu. A scheduled appointment is preferred to a drop-in, but staff will be available to assist students. Appointments can be made at www.sctcc.edu/accessibility.

Mental Health Services
- Appointments can be made for face-to-face appointments.
- Staff will be available Monday through Friday on campus.
- Students can connect with the Student Support Manager to start the process of getting an appointment scheduled.
- Mental Health Services can be utilized on a drop in basis for emergency services.

Career Services
- Limit 2 students; max 10 individuals in Career Center at any time.
- PC Stations adhere to physical distancing guidelines and sanitized between students.
- Plexiglas barrier installed at reception desk.
- Career Center open for f2f appointments M-F from 8-4:30 p.m. Academic Advising Center.
- Advising is open M-F, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Drop-in assistance is available each day from 8:30 a.m.-1:45 p.m. (unless otherwise noted) in-person and/or via Zoom.
- Appointments must be scheduled for assistance requiring more than 20 minutes or outside of drop-in hours.
- Appointments are offered in-person, via phone, or via Zoom.
- Plexiglass barriers installed to separate student and advisor.
- Additional laptops and/or computers installed to facilitate document sharing, etc. during meetings.
- Student stations will be cleaned after each student.

TRIO
- 2-person team opens TRIO. 3rd person added in week 2.
- Student workers start Aug 24 with staggered schedules to result in team of 3-4 in Resource Center.
- Max of 5 individuals in Resource Room at any time.
- Resource Center tables, chairs, and study cubicles reconfigured to meet physical distancing guidelines.
- Appointment based and drop-in remote service provided. On-campus service available for students with technical issues.
- Plexiglass barriers installed to separate student, advisor and tutors.
- Additional monitors and keyboards installed to facilitate document sharing, etc. during meetings.
- Student stations will be cleaned after each student.
- TRIO open M-F 8-4:30 p.m.

Athletics
- Remote service provided. On-campus service available for students as needed. Appointments will be scheduled virtually unless necessary to meet in person.
- Student appointments on-campus to be scheduled in available meeting rooms including Room 116 in the Heartland building. Rooms will be cleaned after each use.
On campus office hours. To be Determined

Campus Life
- In person or online appointments are available M-F, 8am-4:30pm.
- Senate Cabinet meetings will be held in a format TBD.
- Senate office hours completed in remote format.
- Full Senate meetings to be held in a hybrid format (Zoom rooms). Dates for these meetings will be determined in early fall semester.
- The Cyclone Food Pantry will open in early fall semester for pre-packaged items and distribution. More information to come on pickup and safety protocols. Student lounge will be opened for use at the beginning of fall semester.
- On campus office hours- 8am –4:30pm M-F

K12 Initiatives
- Blended schedule remote work and on-campus.
- Meetings conducted via remote means whenever possible.
- On-campus meetings hosted by K12 Coordinator in large space that adheres to physical distancing and sanitation guidelines.

Assessment Center
- Zoom proctored test sessions will continue to offered as an option along with on campus, face-to-face test sessions
- On campus, face-to-face test sessions will be limited to 8 students maximum per session
- Students will maintain 3 feet distancing while waiting for testing and in the testing center
- Test sessions will use every second computer to maintain physical distancing
- The Testing Center will be sanitized in between sessions by cleaning the keyboard, mouse, pencils and workspace of each station that was used

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT
- All facilities staff are scheduled on campus full time.
- Normal building maintenance such as general cleaning, boiler and HVAC operations, electrical issue corrections, room set ups, maintenance requests will be treated like normal
- In the case of absences, some of the above services will have to be prioritized
- Maintenance staff will practice physical distancing
- Detailed services below:

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Gen. Cleaning  Washing tables in classrooms/labs, restroom cleaning, kitchen and commons, public areas.

Refuse and Recycling  All areas will be normal garbage collection procedures.

Office  Will be vacuuming individual offices.

Boiler checks  Currently our staff can handle. If all 3 are out, then we will use SCSU staff. Will get an outside vendor (i.e. Climate Air) under contract if SCSU is unable to provide.

Electrical  Contract outside vendor in our Master Electrician’s absence

Shipping and receiving  Normal outside vendor in our Master Electrician’s absence

Day time cleaning  Normal business operations. If a need would arise, please contact maintenance at 308-3382.

Gen. repairs and set ups  We will have all staff during the day available for set ups and repairs.

HUMAN RESOURCES

SCTCC Human Resources Department will maintain access for employees via email, Zoom, phone and in-person office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. M-F. Link to HR contact information, https://www.sctcc.edu/HR.

HR@sctcc.edu - Department email address that is monitored by all HR staff.

Plexiglas barriers are in place on the reception counter. Notices of physical distancing requirements posted on doorways. Office door handles and counters disinfected by maintenance staff.

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<td>Employees have access to enter their timesheets online through Employee Home link, <a href="https://www.sctcc.edu/employees">https://www.sctcc.edu/employees</a>. Processing of all payroll is done at the service center.</td>
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<td>Employees and supervisors will have access to HR staff via, email, phone, Zoom and in-person office to assist with sick leave management questions and concerns.</td>
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<td>Until further notice, all position searches will be completed via Zoom. This includes search committee meetings and applicant interviews.</td>
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Employee Assistance Program Services

- Free and confidential services
- Phone assessments
- Short-term counseling
- Referrals to community resources
- Legal & financial consults
- Contact Information
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)

- The help desk phone number is: 320-308-6445
- Help desk requests may be sent through email at itrequest@sctcc.edu
- Help desk hours will be M-F from 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Lab 405 will be open from 7:30 a.m. -7:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
- Room 215 Physical distancing will be maintained. Support will be done remotely through Zoom and remote desktop. Contact information is located on the outside door.
- Health Sciences Building - the computer lab is open
- Library is open and has computers available
- Room support will be handled remotely if possible. Support will be provided ensuring physical distancing to the best of our ability. If critical, IT will enter the classroom.

INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS, ASSESSMENT, & RESEARCH

All staff are reporting to the office daily. Meetings are being held via Zoom. If an in-person consultations is necessary, it will be done one-on-one at a conference table that permits physical distancing and in compliance with masking requirements. All services can be delivered remotely without interruption if the need arises.

LIBRARY

The library will be open to serve students and faculty, both in-person and for remote assistance.

Hours during fall and spring semester are: Mon-Thurs 8:00am-6:00pm, Fridays 8:00am-4:00pm.

The library will encourage 3 feet of physical distancing and study rooms will be limited to three patrons at a time. Markers on the floor will remind students to physical distance when waiting at the Circulation desk, and the circulation desk has a plexiglas barrier between staff and patron. Interlibrary Load service is available for all materials. Remote assistance is available through the library website’s “Ask a librarian” email service or by appointment with the librarian. Curbside Checkout service is also available by contacting library@sctcc.edu or 320-308-5141.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

The department of Safety and Security will be on campus throughout the fall providing support to all students, staff, and faculty by maintaining a safe and secure learning and work environment. Security Patrols will be conducted by the St. Cloud State University Public Safety Department personnel. Staffing will coincide with the building and class schedules. Public
Safety Officers (PSO’s) will perform patrols inside all campus buildings. The campus community should call 320-308-3333 for assistance.

Parking permits are required for all students. Employees of SCTCC, along with all tenants who rent space from SCTCC, will be required to obtain, display and pay for parking permits on campus. To register vehicles, please go to http://www.sctcc.edu/parking-permits. Payments can be made at Financial Services or through the Payroll Deduction form. Once payment option has been made, permits will be distributed to employee mailboxes outside of Reprographics. For those who do not have a mailbox, permits can be picked up by Financial Services. Students who do not attend class on-campus will not pay for parking. Parking enforcement will occur beginning on September 7, 2021. The Parking Appeals Committee will meet on a regular basis throughout the semester.

The Safety Committee will continue to meet quarterly via ZOOM. As the semester progresses, special meeting sessions may be called to address any challenges that come up through the semester due to COVID-19.

Hazardous waste disposal requests will continue to be performed online via the safety web page. The shipping/safety clerk will arrange pick-up when the room is vacant in order to limit face-to-face contact. Waste will be taken to the hazardous waste storage area and secured.

Safety checks of labs in use throughout the fall will be conducted by the Director of Safety and Security, as well as the Shipping/Safety Clerk. A Health and Safety Advocate will patrol hallways, classrooms, labs and common areas to provide education and support, focusing on social distancing.

**STUDENT CONDUCT**

Student Conduct reports will be made online at https://webapps.sctcc.edu/student_conduct/. Any situation that requires immediate action can continue to be reported to Public Safety at 320-308-3333, or to the Student Conduct Officer, Kerby Plante, at 320-308-5920. Student conduct hearings will be held virtually via ZOOM. The Conduct Officer will also be the first contact for any COVID-19 masking or physical distancing related incidents. Faculty will work with deans for classroom management related issues. Faculty may call the Director of Safety and Security for incidents where a student becomes belligerent and the situation has escalated beyond classroom management.

**TITLE IX**

Guidance for Title IX related reports can be found at https://www.sctcc.edu/title-ix-reporting-sexual-assault. Arrangements will be made for those who prefer a face-to-face meeting to discuss their concerns. All other Title IX related meetings will be held via ZOOM. Hearings will be handled the same way, unless the situation warrants an in-person meeting.

**ACADEMIC PROGRAM OPERATIONS**

For fall semester 2021, approximately 65% of classes will be offered via online or hybrid instructional delivery; approximately 35% will be offered as face-to-face instruction.

**Business, IT, and Education**

The Business, IT, and Education courses will be offering a mix of online and face-to-face, with some hybrid courses that have a blend of online and face-to-face contents. Any courses that have any face-to-face content will follow Office of Higher
Education, MinnState and CDC recommendations for protection and physical distancing. Classrooms have been individually evaluated to ensure the distancing guideline can be met; rooms have been rearranged or courses have been moved to other classrooms to ensure the recommendations are followed.

Hybrid courses may have periodic meeting times, and in several courses the students have been divided into two groups for the meetings, with some occurring on one date, and others on an alternative date to facilitate meeting the distancing guidelines. Students are encouraged to check their schedule and contact the division with any questions. Students and faculty will also complete the online assessment tool before coming to campus.

Health Sciences Programs

The Health Sciences programs will continue to present a mix of online and face-to-face classes. Face-to-face class experiences will be seated according to a seating chart. If you are also taking general classes such as English or mathematics, those courses might be offered in any format. Be sure to check your schedule for your classes. The Health Science Building will comply with directives regarding COVID-19 mitigation strategies. Currently face masks are required in all campus buildings.

Please note that the parking places on the North side of the HSB continue to be reserved for Dental Clinic patients and are not to be used by faculty, staff, or students.

Please double check the Delivery Method when you are registering for class.

- **Cardiovascular Technology**: Lecture classes will be primarily face-to-face with the potential for some online activities. Simulated lab will be face-to-face.
- **Dental Assistant**: Lecture classes will be presented face-to-face on campus with the potential for some online components. On campus classes will be scheduled per COVID-19 classroom capacities. Lab and clinical courses will be face-to-face with appropriate PPE consistent with professional practice in dental offices. **Dental Hygiene**: Lecture classes will utilize face-to-face, hybrid synchronous, hybrid asynchronous, and online delivery methods (please check course offerings for dates and delivery methods). PPE use in labs and clinical courses will follow recommendations from CDC (Centers for Disease Control), Minnesota Board of Dentistry guidelines for dental offices, and OSAP (Organization for Safety & Asepsis Procedures) Infection Control in Dental Practices during the COVID-19 Pandemic Guidelines.
- **Health Information Technology**: This program (and Medical Coding) is a completely online program and will continue online.
- **Sonography**: Face-to-face and hybrid classes will be held for lecture classes with 12 or fewer in a group. The ultrasound lab classes will be face-to-face following PPE practices consistent with CentraCare recommended guidelines. Labs will be limited to 12 students.
- **Surgical Technology**: Students will meet face-to-face or via Zoom for lecture class scheduled consistent with the COVID019 classroom capacities. Students and instructors will maintain 3 feet of distance and a consistent seating chart. The lab course will utilize PPE practices consistent with Surgical Attire Policies of the industry.
- **Paramedicine**: Students will meet face-to-face or via Zoom for lecture class maintaining 3 feet of distance. Class size will be consistent with COVID-19 classroom capacities.
- **Nursing (ADN)**: Theory courses will be face-to-face on campus with assigned seating. Clinical will be at clinical partner sites if permitted. Clinical simulations and alternate assignments may also be utilized to meet content/hours and student learner outcomes. Any required on-campus face-to-face will utilize full PPE.
- **Practical Nursing**: Theory courses will be completely face-to-face on campus with the potential for some online components. The skills course will be face-to-face with appropriate PPE.
Clinical courses will be at clinical partner sites if permitted. Clinical simulations and alternate assignments will also be utilized to meet content/hours/and student learner outcomes.

Nursing Assistant and HCCC courses will be presented in a variety of face-to-face and online formats. Labs will be face-to-face on campus, utilizing PPE as in the clinical setting, and clinicals may be either on campus or in long term care facilities depending on partners’ ability to host clinical groups.

**Dental Clinic**

- Phone screening when making the initial dental appointment
  - Re-screened via phone when confirming their dental appointment (1-3 days prior)
- Day of dental appointment: screening questions - Dental reception area has limited seating in order to maintain physical distancing. Patients not successful with screening will be sent away.
- Hallway area next to dental clinic has chairs spaced for physical distancing.
- Reception desk is enclosed with glass and plexiglass around the reception desk area (physical barrier). Patients will be given COVID-19 disclosure paperwork prior to dental appointment.
- All paper, magazines, and pamphlets have been removed from dental reception room.
- Entrance into and exit from the dental clinic will be clearly marked on clinic doors to limit one-way traffic. Limiting numbers in dental clinic with students/patients and faculty according to the COVID-19 room capacity reflected in the room scheduling software
- Students in clinic will wear full PPE: Eye protection, level 3 masks, full face shields, scrubs and disposable overgarments, hair coverings and gloves, clinic shoes (per CDC guidelines for dental healthcare workers)
- Students will disinfect their clinic shoes prior to leaving their clinic unit.
- Clinic shoes will stay in locker-room and only be used when in the Health Bldg.
- Students will change out of scrubs / hair coverings prior to leaving campus and transport contaminated clothing in red biohazard bags and laundered at home.
- Students will have designated donning and doffing areas in the dental clinic/bio lab areas.
- Student locker room on 2nd floor dental will be limited to 4 occupants at a time for physical distancing. Garbage cans with foot controls and covers will be used for PPE disposal in clinic/bio lab areas.
- Students will remain in their clinic unit with their patients at all times during appointment. Clinic area and radiology hallway will be separated by plastic curtain.
- Dental faculty, staff and students will have daily temperature checks prior to entering dental clinic and labs.
- Need statement regarding screening at entrance and turning away if ill (Added to third bullet.)

**Dental Labs/Instruction Areas**

- Chairs, stools and tables have been removed to limit number of people in each room and increase space for physical distancing.

**Liberal Arts and Sciences**

Any student who would like to know more about what their online course will look like is encouraged to reach out to the instructor. If they need assistance reaching their instructor, they should email ali.alsaffar). If it is safe to do so, some faculty will hold office hours in classrooms and labs. Faculty will schedule classrooms through the division assistant where they
can meet with their students, instead of meeting in offices, to ensure physical distancing.

**Skilled Trades and Industry**

Course information has been shared with students so they know what to expect for the upcoming fall semester. Students and faculty will be asked to follow established cleaning protocols before, during, and upon departure from class. Proper PPE will be worn while on campus and in class/lab. For lab courses, students will be asked to enter through the exterior entrance of the lab in order to avoid congesting campus hallways.

Faculty to have assigned seating for students and have lab partners stay assigned the same throughout the semester whenever possible.

**Customized Training**

Customized Training is conducting training on campus and off-site at clients’ facilities.

Classes held on campus will maintain 3 feet of physical distancing. Certain programs have additional modifications based on requirements or guidance from outside agencies.

The Customized Training office is open and staffed from 7:30am-4:30p Monday-Friday. Instructors will be on campus when scheduled to teach. Assistance is available by phone and email, as well as in person.

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

Additional resources available in Appendix J.

**COMMUNICATION AND TRAINING**

This plan will be communicated via posting on the College website to all employees and students on August 20, 2021 and appropriate training has been provided. Additional communication and training will be ongoing as needed and provided to all employees and students who did not receive the initial training. Managers and Supervisors are to monitor how effective the program has been implemented and share their feedback with their respective Vice President. Employees will work through this new program together and communication strategies and training will be updated as necessary.

This plan has been certified by St. Cloud Technical and Community College leadership and was posted on August 20, 2021. We would like to thank the members of the SCTCC COVID-19 Response Team who were vital to the development of this plan. Members are listed in Appendix J.

Certified by:

[Signature]

President

St. Cloud Technical and Community College
UPDATES POSTED:

December 28, 2020
March 05, 2021
May 19, 2021
August 20, 2021
APPENDIX A – Self-Assessment Tool

COVID-19 Health Screening

1. DO YOU HAVE A NEW COUGH?

2. DO YOU FEEL YOU HAVE A FEVER?

3. DO YOU HAVE SHORTNESS OF BREATH?

4. ARE YOU EXPERIENCING:
   - Lost sense of taste or smell
   - Increased fatigue
   - New body aches
   - Congestion
   - Chills
   - Sore throat
   - Headache
   - Chest pain

If you answered **YES** to any of these questions, **DO NOT ENTER** the facility.

Please RETURN HOME RIGHT AWAY.

Seek medical guidance and ask to be tested for COVID-19.

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING US KEEP EVERYONE HEALTHY.**

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APPENDIX C – CONTACT TRACING / COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL

- Students who become aware of a possible COVID-19 infection or test positive for COVID-19 should notify their faculty. The faculty should notify their Dean and Safety Department at https://webapps.sctcc.edu/covid_tracking/.
- Employees who become aware of possible COVID-19 infection or test positive for COVID-19 should contact their supervisor who will contact HR. The Safety Office and HR will determine a plan for quarantine, sanitation, and safe return.
- Employees should use the safety@sctcc.edu email address to submit concerns and questions related to the COVID-19 Pandemic. This email address is specifically for SCTCC employees to use and is accessed by IT, Safety & Security, Human Resources, and the Vice President for Administration.
- MDH provides contact tracing services for lab-tested COVID-19 positive cases, however, in cases where a campus is notified before MDH receives test results, the Safety Office and HR will immediately make preliminary notifications to students, staff, or faculty who may have been exposed.
- In cases of exposure, actions will be taken to disinfect affected areas per CDC guidelines.
- Through contact tracing, anyone who was exposed to the reported COVID-19 case will be contacted directly by MDH after the case is confirmed. Campus-wide notifications will not be sent. Rather, those who have been identified through contact tracing will be notified.
- Upon receiving notification of a potential campus COVID exposure, the Safety and Security Director will promptly notify appropriate administration and union representatives.

QUARANTINE PROTOCOL

In cases where an individual has been in close contact with another person who has tested positive for Covid-19 or has returned to Minnesota from out-of-state travel, the following quarantine protocol will be followed.

- 14 day quarantine with recommendation to test 5-7 after last close contact or after returning to MN.
- In certain cases, 10 day quarantine can occur with employees that meet the below criteria and have the approval of their supervisor after developing a plan to remain distanced from other employees.
  - The individual does have any symptoms.
  - The individual does not had a positive test for COVID-19.
  - No one in the individual’s home has COVID-19.
  - The individual does not live or work in a building where it's hard to stay away from others and easy to spread the virus to multiple people, like a long-term care facility.
  - The individuals contact with someone with COVID-19 had a beginning and an end.
  - The individual traveled outside of Minnesota for reasons other than crossing the border for work, study, medical care, or personal safety or security, and all of the above are true. Note: "Exposure" period ends upon arrival back home.

Individuals that meet the following criteria do not need to quarantine:

If you have recovered from COVID-19 in the past 90 days and have close contact with someone with COVID-19, you do not need to quarantine if ALL of the following are true:
• The individual’s illness was confirmed with a positive lab test in the past 90 days.
• The individual has fully recovered.
• The individual does not currently have any symptoms of COVID-19.

If someone has completed COVID-19 vaccination (two doses in a two dose series or one dose in a one-dose series) and is exposed, they do not need to quarantine if **ALL** of the following are true:

• The COVID-19 exposure was at least 14 days after their vaccination series was fully completed.
• The COVID-19 exposure was within 90 days of their final dose of the vaccination series.
• They do not currently have any symptoms of COVID-19.

People who live or work in a health care or long-term care facility, have been vaccinated, and have a COVID-19 exposure should refer to guidelines for their situation.

  o [COVID-19 Recommendations for Health Care Workers (PDF)](https://example.com)

*Note: Even after a person has recovered from COVID-19 or is fully vaccinated they should still continue to stay distanced, wear a mask that fits well, wash their hands often, and follow other precautions.*
APPENDIX D – COVID-19 COLLEGE DECISION AND RESPONSE FRAMEWORK

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities in cooperation with MDH has adopted a decision framework to inform response to COVID-19 cases on campus and changes in community spread. Mitigation strategies are triggered by criteria that consider rates of contact and isolation, spread in the K-12 system, levels of available PPE, campus spread, and other factors.

COVID-19 College, University, and System Office Decisions and Responses Related to Positive Campus COVID-19 Cases and Changes in Community Spread

Updated December 9, 2020

This document was originally shared on August 19, 2020, and has been updated to reflect current executive orders and guidance from Minnesota Department of Health (MDH).

Colleges and universities may need to scale back in-person operations if transmission increases, by reducing or cancelling campus events; suspending in-person classes; or moving to remote-only operations as a result of a significant outbreak on campus or in the surrounding community, or if directed by public health authorities. The mitigation strategies included below are “stackable”: the yellow (Scenario 2) strategies assume that the green (Scenario 1) strategies remain in place, and so on. In addition to ongoing communication with public health officials, changes in two or more of the indicators in each level will initiate conversations between colleges and universities and the system office to determine additional mitigation measures.

This document was updated in response to executive order 20-99, issued on November 18, 2020, and in response to updates to the Minnesota Department of Health’s (MDH) “Recommendations for Different Levels of COVID-19 Transmission Among Higher Education Institutions” (https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/iherecs.pdf). The primary changes were to update the guidance under scenario 4 and to add a scenario 5. Per the MDH guidance, colleges and universities must implement Scenario 4 mitigation efforts for the four weeks from Friday, Nov. 20, 2020, at 11:59 p.m. through Friday, Dec. 18, 2020, at 11:59 p.m.

The actions below include a set of assumed practices, as outlined by the COVID-19 preparedness plans and other guidance:

• Adherence to facial covering requirements as described in executive order 20-84 and in “Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Face Mask Operating Instructions,” July 24,
2020

- Using the symptom screening tool as required by COVID-19 Preparedness Plans under executive order 20-74 and Chancellor’s July 16, 2020, memo (“Re: Updated COVID-19 safety requirements”)
- Communication strategies to establish and enforce new norms around mitigation strategies
- Physical distancing implemented in campus spaces
- Additional guidance documents as published by the MDH for Institutes of Higher Education (IHE) (https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/ihe.html)
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<td>• Assign a designated point of contact and contact tracing support roles&lt;br&gt;• Follow COVID-19 Preparedness Plan, including the identification of those counties for which the campus will actively track transmission trends&lt;br&gt;• Implement social distancing&lt;br&gt;• Work with MDH/LPH on contact tracing, as needed&lt;br&gt;• Additional scenario 1 actions as recommended by MDH guidance</td>
<td>• Communicate test results&lt;br&gt;• Coordinate contact tracing</td>
<td>• Informed of campus COVID-19 positive tests and incidence trends&lt;br&gt;• Informed of campus mitigation efforts&lt;br&gt;• Track and monitor risk indicators</td>
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<td><strong>Yellow (Scenario 2): Medium Transmission</strong>&lt;br&gt;Transmission levels are beginning to tax campus resources&lt;br&gt;Indicators&lt;br&gt;• Infections continue increasing over 14-day period in the county(ies) as identified in local Preparedness Plan&lt;br&gt;• &gt;1% of campus students infected within 14-day period&lt;br&gt;• &gt;5% of campus cases have unknown links to another case over 7-day period&lt;br&gt;• 50-75% of your isolation and quarantine beds are full&lt;br&gt;• Routine testing capacity starting to be a concern&lt;br&gt;• Less than 14 days of PPE remaining</td>
<td>• If two or more indicators are met, consult with the chancellor on changes in campus mitigation efforts&lt;br&gt;• Consider extra communication and precautions for high risk individuals&lt;br&gt;• Consider cancelling events and activities that bring larger groups of students together&lt;br&gt;• Consider roll back measures limiting social and activity gatherings to no more than 10 individuals, indoors and outdoors&lt;br&gt;• Ramp up capacity for isolation and quarantine options&lt;br&gt;• Additional scenario 2 actions as recommended by MDH guidance</td>
<td>• Communicate test results&lt;br&gt;• Coordinate contact tracing&lt;br&gt;• Recommend additional mitigation and testing strategies&lt;br&gt;• Provide testing and PPE consultation and support&lt;br&gt;• Recommend and coordinate supplemental isolation and quarantine capacity in community.</td>
<td>• Consult with campus president on changes in campus mitigation efforts&lt;br&gt;• Informed of campus COVID-19 positive tests and incidence trends&lt;br&gt;• Communicate with Leadership Council; Board of Trustees; state officials; state and federal legislative delegations; bargaining unit leadership; and student association leadership.</td>
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- Other internal metrics are of concern (e.g. increase in employees out sick)
- K-12 indicators 10-30 cases per 10,000 over a 14-day period

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| If two or more indicators are met, consult with the chancellor about suspending additional in-person activities and shifting to remote-only operations. |
| Communicate test results |
| Coordinate contact tracing |
| Recommend additional mitigation and testing strategies |
| Provide testing and PPE consultation and support |
| Recommend and coordinate supplemental isolation and quarantine capacity in community. |

| Consult with campus president about suspending in-person activities and shifting to remote-only operations |
| Communicate with Leadership Council; Board of Trustees; state officials; state and federal legislative delegations; bargaining unit leadership; and student association leadership. |

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| If mitigation efforts do not improve, consult with the chancellor about suspending additional in-person activities and shifting to remote-only operations. |
| Recommend suspending in-person activities and shifting to remote-only operations |

| Consult with campus president about suspending in-person activities and shifting to remote-only operations |
| Communicate with Leadership Council; Board of Trustees; state officials; state officials; state and federal legislative |

- Implement a campus wide “lay low” period and direct students to stay at home and limit movement to attend courses when needed, study areas, work, or other essential services like healthcare, mental health, food service take out/pick up.
- Extracurricular activities/clubs/organizations should be significantly scaled back in terms of attendance, frequency of meeting, and moved to virtual wherever possible; consider postponing or canceling where feasible.
- MDH strongly recommends imposing a campus curfew of 10 p.m. to 4 a.m.
- Additional scenario 4 actions as recommended by MDH guidance.

**Red (Scenario 5): Sustained High Level of Transmission at Institution**

*Transmission levels have exhausted institutional resources.*

- If the above mitigation efforts have not resulted in an improvement over a two- to three-week period after Scenario 3 or 4 has been put in place, consult with the chancellor about moving to online only until the next semester or after break.

- Consult with campus president about suspending in-person activities and shifting to remote-only operations.
- Communicate with Leadership Council; Board of Trustees; state officials; state and federal legislative delegations; bargaining unit leadership; and student association leadership.
Communication Procedures and Expectations

Campuses are expected to actively monitor transmission levels on a weekly basis, and to take appropriate action as outlined above. If two or more of the indicators in the yellow, orange, or deep orange scenarios are met or if the indicator in the red scenario is met, or if MDH or local public health authorities have expressed concern about transmission on a campus, **colleges and universities must contact Chief of Staff Jaime Simonsen to coordinate consultation with the chancellor and other staff to discuss implementing additional mitigation strategies as recommended by MDH.** The system office may also contact colleges and universities if trends in key indicators that may warrant additional mitigation efforts are identified or if contacted by MDH.

Colleges and universities should be regularly engaged with local bargaining units and student associations through existing communication and shared governance structures and/or additional COVID-19 communication structures, particularly if indicators suggest that additional mitigation measures are needed. The system office and the chancellor will regularly consult with and inform Leadership Council, the Board of Trustees, state officials, statewide bargaining unit leadership, statewide student association leadership, state officials, and state and federal legislative delegations.

**Definitions**

*Cases* for reporting and initial media inquiries: **Positive Test Result** as reported to the college or university by public health officials or the individual/student

1. College/university has reported that XX COVID-19 cases among individuals associated with our campus (including students and employees).

2. Of these individuals, XX were infectious while on campus.

Cumulative numbers will be for the start of the fall term, August 24, 2020

**Student Population Baseline:** Students who are or may routinely be on campus

1. Live on campus, or
2. Have face-to-face coursework, programming, or other on campus activities, or
3. Have reasonable access to campus and may access campus facilities, seek on campus, face-to-face services or participate in on campus, face-to-face activities. (Those residing within 60 minutes of campus)
Decision Tree – Weekly Case Reporting

Calculating Infectious Period

Starts:

• 2 days prior to the onset of symptoms, OR
• 2 days prior to date of sample being taken

Through end of Isolation: All three things are true:

1. Individual feels better, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms are better; and,
2. It has been 10 days since they first felt sick; and,
3. They have had no fever for the last 24 hours, without using medicine that lowers fever.
In line with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), and Minnesota Office of Higher Education (OHE), programs that are permitted to continue instruction during the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak should continue to practice physical distancing, implement or continue cleaning protocols, and provide clear communication to students, faculty, and staff about what will be required to participate in any in-person instruction.

The guidelines below provide general information for instruction.

In general, all students, faculty, staff and others in the campus community are expected to:

- Stay at home if you are sick or not feeling well,
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds,
- If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol,
- Cover your coughs and sneezes,
- Practice physical distancing by keeping at least 6 feet of space between people,
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces
- Know the common symptoms of COVID-19: fever, cough, and shortness of breath,
- Monitor health, speak up and act to the well-being of yourself and others, and
- Take ethical responsibility for yourself, friends, family and our communities.
- When not on campus, everyone should practice physical distancing when out in public, and wear masks.

For students, do not cluster beyond study needs outside of class and if in those groups, keep the groups small and practice physical distancing.

For in-person instruction:

- Reach out to the Dean of your program/department with questions and make determinations about any symptoms that may prevent a student from attending in-person.
- Communicate clearly to students and faculty about the necessity of following the identified protocols to ensure individual and class health and safety.
- Class sizes should be no more than 25 people unless the classroom has been evaluated and an exception approved. COVID-19 occupancy is available in the room scheduling software.
- Explore hosting smaller classes in larger rooms.
- Explore classroom arrangements that allow for more space between students; spread out desks, tables, equipment and chairs.
- If students need to work in pairs or in small groups, make the pairings consistent for the duration of the in-person coursework to minimize contact with multiple individuals.
- Have multiple time slots for a class; split up and stagger sessions.
- Have multiple venues for one class.
- Instruct all involved, students, faculty, staff and others, to wash their hands, cover their coughs and practice physical distancing.
- Make hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, and/or disinfecting spray and towels available.
- Instruct all involved, students, faculty, staff and others, to wipe down frequently touched surfaces including
but not limited to doorknobs, handrails, light switches, tables, desks, workstations, chairs and stools, countertops, equipment, tools, handles, telephones, keyboards, sinks, faucets, etc.

- Direct all to wash hands after session.

**Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):**

- Utilize PPE normally required for the performance of the duty or task.
  - Questions on these should be directed to individual supervisors.
- There is no recommendation by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) for the use of PPE (surgical or N95 masks) by the general public to include a classroom setting. These should be reserved for healthcare providers and first responders.
- Explore hosting classes outdoors, when possible.
APPENDIX I – ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

GENERAL

• MDH Guidance for Higher Education: https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/guideihe.pdf

Responding to various community transmission levels:
• Integrated COVID-19 County View – CDC: https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view
  • MDH Guidance: https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/iherecs.pdf
  • CDC Guidance: https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7030e2.htm
# APPENDIX J – EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

Thank you to the following individuals that have been engaged as Emergency Response Team members. These members have served as liaisons to their constituency groups and have provided input and feedback since the beginning of the pandemic.

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