

Protocol and Procedures for Returning to Campus

Protocol

Before coming to campus...

- Students must be approved to return to campus.
- Students must complete the Health Form to return to campus. They will receive more information regarding specifics from their instructors.
- CTE instructors, please ask students the following questions:
 - 1. Have you had contact with anyone with COVID-19?
 - 2. Have you had a fever in the last 24 hours?
 - 3. Do you have any underlying health issues that we need to know about?
 - If the student responds yes to question 1 or 2, students need to leave campus and return home.
- Students will be required to wear a mask, bandana or some type of face covering daily while in class and on campus.

What will students be provided?

- All students will receive:
 - Disinfectant wipes
 - Classroom briefing about how to protect yourself and others from COVID-19
 - Handouts regarding COVID-19
 - Contact information/Emergency numbers on campus
 - Counseling contact information if needed

Daily Student Classroom Procedures

- All students will be should be prepared to bring a mask. Please wear it daily while on campus.
- Before entering the classroom, please sanitize your hands.
- Take a disinfectant wipe and wipe down your desk, chair, and work space.
- Stay in your assigned area throughout class.
- Before leaving class, take a disinfectant wipe and wipe down your desk, chair, and work space.
- If you are feeling sick, please let your instructor know ASAP.

Each CTE student will receive a COVID health briefing prior to beginning of class with the following handouts as outlined by the CDC:

- How to Protect Yourself and Others Presentation and Handout
- Stop the Spread of Germs
- Symptoms of Coronavirus
- What you should know about COVID-19 to protect yourself and others
- Stop: Feeling Sick?

Student Support Contacts:

- Student Services Help Line: 662-560-5000
- Student Development Contacts based on campus (separate handout)
- If a student feels stressed or have anxiety during this time, please contact our counselors.
- Students living on campus during this time, please adhere to the campus expectations guidelines.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What can I do to protect myself?

The most important responsibility we each have is to practice prevention. Prevention is vital. Please take appropriate measures such as:

- Wash hands regularly.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with tissues.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Be responsible and courteous to others and stay home if you are sick. If you are experiencing symptoms, contact your health provider.
- Respect personal space when greeting others and during conversations.
- Be mindful of those in high-risk populations such as those with underlying health conditions and the elderly.

What action is the Northwest taking to protect students, faculty and staff from COVID-19?

College officials continue to actively monitor news and information pertaining to the novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). We remain in regular contact with the Mississippi Department of Health and other health officials, as well as other community colleges and universities in our state and region. The College is committed to taking all necessary precautions to keep our students, faculty, staff, and the community as safe as possible.

Students, faculty, staff and their families should monitor the northwestms.edu website, social media accounts and their email for updated information.

What should I do if I am sick?

Students should not come to class if they are sick. Please contact your instructor asap.

What do I do if I have symptoms of COVID-19?

Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough and shortness of breath; you should contact your primary care physician.

What if I have been exposed but am not showing any symptoms?

Students who believe they have been directly exposed to COVID-19, but are not showing symptoms, should self-quarantine consistent with MDH and CDC guidelines. Students must contact their instructor regarding their classwork. Students should contact their healthcare provider if they become sick and remain home.

What if I have been exposed and am showing symptoms?

Students who believe they have been directly exposed to COVID-19 and are showing symptoms should seek care from a healthcare provider and may be required to self-quarantine. During this time, Students should not come to class and should inform their instructor.