*COVID-19 and other infectious diseases and viruses are active in our local communities. While the College cannot guarantee that our campus is free of infectious disease, with everyone working together we can reduce the risk of transmission of these diseases within our school community.  The College has adopted rules that are designed to reduce the risk of transmission of these diseases and viruses on campus. The rules are based on guidance and recommendations from a variety of sources including, but not limited to the Center for Disease Control and public health authorities.  Our policies are reviewed weekly and reflect the most recent recommendations of health authorities.*

*The College expects all students, staff and faculty to become familiar with the rules and comply with them as part of an overall effort to make our campus as safe as possible. Failure to comply with the rules may lead to disciplinary action up to and including exclusion from campus.*

## Guidelines:

1. Facemasks will still be required in lab/learning areas for Childcare, Cosmetology, Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), Nursing, Physical Therapist Assistant, Medical Lab Technician, and Medical Assistant. Students participating in clinical rotations, internships, or other learning experiences in other facilities are required to comply with the regulations of those entities.
2. We expect faculty, staff, and students to report positive tests to public health authorities and follow their protocol for contact tracing, isolation, quarantine, and any other expectations.  We expect faculty, staff, and students to comply with county public health officials when notified of exposures or other risks.
3. If you are sick and experiencing COVID-like symptoms or have a positive test, **do not** report for work, class, or any Southwest Tech activities (i.e., class, clinicals, internships, externships, student activities) or to campus in-person for at least 5 (five) days.  Coming to campus with COVID-like symptoms will result in disciplinary action.

**If you have COVID-like symptoms**, (regardless of vaccination status)
1) You should get tested for COVID.  Keep your supervisor or instructors posted on PCR or rapid test results.
   - *Negative result* – You may return to campus after 24 hours if you are fever free (without use of fever-reducing medication), your symptoms are improving, and you have complied with county health guidelines.
   - *Positive result* – You may return to campus after 5 full days if you are fever free for 24 hours (without use of fever-reducing medication), your symptoms are improving, and you have complied with county health guidelines.
2) If you choose not to get tested for COVID, you may return to campus after 5 full days if you are fever free for 24 hours (without use of fever-reducing medication), your symptoms are improving, and you have complied with county health guidelines.

**Employees** may work from home, if that is possible with your position, and you are feeling well enough (see Telecommuting Policy in Employee Handbook.  You may also use regular MTO or remaining sick time if you are unable to work.  COVID MTO has expired as of 12/31/2021 and is no longer funded.

**Students** should contact their instructor(s) to let them know you cannot attend class in-person and to discuss options.

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## Reporting Positive COVID Test Results:

In addition to reporting to county public health, report a positive COVID test using the **COVID-19 Reporting Form**.  You will receive an automatically generated email acknowledging receipt of the notice and providing further information.

**Employees:**  If employees test positive for COVID, you must share the county public health protocols you are following with your supervisor.

**Students**:  If students test positive for COVID, you must share the county public health protocols you are following with your instructor(s).

Contact information for the county public health departments in the College service district is

Crawford County – 608-326-0229
Grant County - 608-723-6416; health@co.grant.wi.gov
Iowa County – 608-930-9870; healthinfo@iowacounty.org
Lafayette County – 608-776-4895
Richland County – 608-647-8821

## Additional Information:

- **If you are exposed to someone with COVID:  Follow county health guidelines.**  You do not need to quarantine from campus unless you are quarantined due to county guidelines.
- **If someone in your household is ill:**  You no longer need to report exposures or illness in your household.
- **If a there is an on-campus COVID exposure:**  We will no longer contact trace for on-campus exposures. If you test positive, please see isolation procedures above and contact the county for further instruction.
- **Protocol exceptions include:**  The Childcare Center will continue to follow previous protocols with the only change being the shortened isolation period of 5 days.  The vaccine mandate remains in place. Healthcare programs may require additional PPE. Contact your instructor(s) for more information.

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For questions related to employees, contact Krista Weber at kweber@swtc.edu or 608-822-2315.