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Fall 2021: Return to Campus Safety Protocols FAQs

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Face Coverings:

Question: Do I have to wear a face covering while I am teaching a lecture class?

Answer: Yes. Face coverings are required while in any building on the campus.

Question: What type of face covering am I allowed to wear?

Answer: Face coverings means a surgical mask, a medical procedure mask, a respirator worn voluntarily (N95 mask), or a tightly woven fabric or non-woven material of at least two layers. A face covering has no visible holes or openings and must cover the nose and mouth.

Please note: A face covering **does not** include a scarf, ski mask, balaclava, bandana, turtleneck, collar, or single layer of fabric.

Question: Are there any times when I can remove my face covering?

Answer: Yes. Face coverings may be removed while individuals are outdoors and physically distanced (six feet apart), when alone in a workspace, when in a vehicle alone, while eating or drinking and physically distanced, while performing duties that cannot be done safely while wearing a face covering, or for specific meetings or events attended only by fully vaccinated individuals as approved by the Plan Administrator.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Question: Will PPE be provided?

Answer: Yes, Mesa will provide face coverings to employees, students, and other visitors as needed, including N-95 masks upon request. Hand Sanitizer and Cleaning/Disinfecting supplies may also be available.

Question: How do I request PPE?

Answer: PPE has been delivered to each work area including n95 masks. We will replenish supplies as needed.

Covid-19 Exposures and Return to Work

Question: What if I am exposed to COVID-19 by a close contact situation and develop NO symptoms?

Answer:

- If you are fully vaccinated and have NO symptoms you do NOT have to quarantine from work.
- If you are Unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated you MUST notify your immediate supervisor and quarantine for 10 days since the last known close contact, before returning to work.

Question: What if I test positive for COVID-19 or I am exposed to COVID-19 by a close contact situation and develop symptoms?

Answer: If you test positive for COVID-19 or had a close contact AND developed any COVID-19 symptom you must notify your immediate supervisor and quarantine. All of the following requirements listed

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below must be met before returning to work:

1. At least 24 hours have passed since a fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher has resolved without the use of fever-reducing medications; **and**
2. COVID-19 symptoms have improved; **and**
3. At least 10 days have passed since COVID-19 symptoms first appeared.

Exception: unless all of the following are true:

1. The person tested negative for COVID-19 using a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) COVID-19 test with specimen taken after the onset of symptoms; and
2. At least 10 days have passed since the last known close contact; and
3. The person has been symptom-free for at least 24 hours, without using fever-reducing medications.

Question: If I have been vaccinated and I travel by air, will I need to quarantine upon return before returning to the office?

Answer: No, there are no travel restrictions at this time. However if you develop COVID-19 symptoms and/or do not pass the daily self-screening you should not come to work and notify your supervisor.

Question: What steps should be taken if an employee becomes ill with fever, cough or other concerning symptoms?

Answer: Managers and supervisors should recommend that staff who are sick stay home and utilize sick leave until symptoms resolve, and that they seek medical assistance, as appropriate.

Misc.

Question: Do I have to do a COVID self-screen before coming to campus?

Answer: Yes, all employees and students are required to do a self-screening process prior to coming to campus. The CDC Self-Screen site: <https://www.cdc.gov/screening/index.html>

If you pass the daily screening you can continue to work or class. If you do not pass, **do not come to campus**. Stay home and notify your supervisor (or instructor if you are a student).

Question: Do I have to complete COVID-19 training before returning to campus from a remote work assignment?

Answer: Yes, all employees must complete the training below prior to returning to work on campus. The requirement is to read the information on each of the linked pages and then send an email to your supervisor stating that they have read and understand the information contained on the pages. The supervisor is then required to retain all the confirmation emails from their employees as documentation for completed training.

1. Signs and symptoms of COVID-19 (how it spreads):
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>
2. Social distancing measures:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/social-distancing.html>
3. How employees can protect themselves:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>
4. Proper handwashing practices and the use of hand sanitizer stations:

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<https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/when-how-handwashing.html>

5. Cough and sneeze etiquette:

https://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/hygiene/etiquette/coughing_sneezing.html

6. Routine infection control precautions, such as the proper use, care and disposal of masks or face coverings: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>

7. District Specific policies and procedures to protect employees from COVID-19 hazards:

<https://www.sdccd.edu/about/departments-and-offices/human-resources/risk-management/covid-employees.aspx>

8. Information regarding COVID-19 related benefits to which employees may be entitled under applicable federal, state, or local laws:

<https://www.sdccd.edu/docs/District/employee/COVID.FMLExpansion.pdf>

Question: Where can I report a COVID-19 related safety concern?

Answer: All safety concerns, including for COVID-19, can be reported here:

<https://www.sdmesa.edu/college-services/safety/safety-form.shtml>

If you have any additional COVID-19 related questions not included here, please see the [District COVID-19 Resources for Employees webpage](#) or contact Matt Fay at MFay@sdccd.edu.

Question: Is the Mesa College Campus Bookstore open?

Answer: The Mesa College Campus Bookstore continues to operate online, visit their website at:

<https://www.bookstore.sdccd.edu/mesa/>

Question: What are the parking guidelines for the fall semester?

Answer:

- Student permits are NOT required for Fall 2021.
- Vehicles without a parking permit must park in a regular student parking space.
- Faculty/staff parking permits ARE required. Parking permits and replacement permits are available at your Campus College Police office.
- Red zones, disabled parking and all other violations will be enforced.
- Wi-Fi lots are still available with the same rules for use. Wi-Fi lots are in staff parking areas, therefore vehicles parked without a valid permit MUST BE OCCUPIED and the occupant prepared to show proof of enrollment upon request.
- New faculty/staff and NANCE employees with a permit application can obtain a parking permit there. Contract permits are valid until January 2022. Lost permits can be replaced, free of charge, in your campus police office. One year permits that expire August 31, 2021 will be honored until September 30, 2021. You can apply for your replacement permit now.

Question: Will there be food available for purchase on campus?

Answer: Yes, as of August 23, 2021 the following dining options will be available:

- The Mesa Café, located in Mesa Commons, will be open Monday thru Thursday for breakfast from 7:30 am - 10 am, and for lunch from 11am -1:30 pm.
- The Terrace Café, located on the 4th floor of I400, will be open Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.
- The SmartMart, located in the LRC will be stocked and accessible during the open hours of the LRC of 9:30 am – 5:00 pm, Monday through Thursday.

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For more information on student service resources please visit this [LINK](#)