

Daytona State College
COVID-19 Classroom Protocol

The College is currently at Yellow Level for masking.

Each of the following guidelines are based on current CDC recommendations. Guidelines may be adjusted as additional CDC recommendations are released.

Purpose: In response to current pandemic conditions, Daytona State College (DSC) is implementing certain protocols to allow classes to complete as much in-person, hands-on, practical, lab, or clinical requirements as possible. The following protocols/procedures seek to implement commonsense, research-based procedures, while allowing for the face-to-face contact needed to satisfy course and program requirements. These procedures have been vetted by the Volusia County Health Department.

These procedures are consistent with CDC guidelines on how to protect yourself and others.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>

Scope: These protocols apply to all campus activities.

Procedures:

- Daytona State College is taking the following tiered approach to masking:
 - **Red Level:** masks are expected in all indoor areas.
 - **Orange Level:** Masks are recommended in all indoor areas.
 - **Yellow Level:** Masks are optional.
- The CDC continues to recommend vaccination as the primary means of protection.
- Social distancing procedures are not currently in place.
- Frequent handwashing is recommended.
- Equipment or materials used during classroom activities may be sanitized between users.
- All common surfaces may be regularly disinfected throughout the day, especially after and in-between classes by faculty and students utilizing that space. This includes desktops, computer stations and accessories, light switches, chairs, doorknobs, entry points, etc. Neutra-Dis is a one-step disinfectant, sanitizer, virucide, and cleaner that is on the list of EPA approved disinfectants for SARS-CoV-2 (the cause of COVID-19). Neutra-Dis will be supplied in all classroom and lab spaces in a standard spray bottle. To properly use, spray the surface that needs to be cleaned and sanitized, let stand for 10 minutes, then wipe clean.
- Faculty may sanitize lab and classroom spaces at the end of each class.
- Labs and classroom spaces will be sanitized regularly by custodial staff.
- Any individuals that are **showing signs or symptoms of illness or have tested positive for COVID-19** must follow current CDC guidelines, must self-identify, inform the faculty member or Chair, and stop coming to class immediately. If an individual meets this criterion, the faculty member or Chair must notify Student Development by emailing the student's name, ID number, and exactly what the student reported to CovidHealth@DaytonaState.edu. Student Development will track each case and notify the student and faculty when the student is cleared to return to campus.
- Individuals may return to class when:

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- They have had no fever (100.4°F or greater) for at least 24 hours (that is one full day of no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications)
AND
- Other symptoms have improved (for example, when a cough or shortness of breath have improved)
AND
- At least 5 days have passed since symptoms first appeared, unless otherwise directed by a healthcare provider (see reference E. below).
OR
- For individuals with a positive COVID-19 test but are asymptomatic, at least 5 days have passed since the date of their first positive COVID-19 diagnostic test, assuming they have not subsequently developed symptoms since their positive test. If they develop symptoms, then the symptom-based should be used (see reference G. below).
- In either situation, it is recommended that a mask is worn for 5 additional days for a total of 10 days (<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/s1227-isolation-quarantine-guidance.html>).
- Individuals who have symptoms similar to those associated with COVID-19 may also wish to receive a diagnostic test for COVID-19 (Polymerase Chain Reaction/PCR test or Rapid Antigen Test). If the diagnostic test result is negative, and they have not been a close contact with any person who has a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19, and all symptoms have resolved including no fever for 24 hours without the use of a fever reducing medication, they may return to campus after communicating with Student Development and receiving clearance (unless otherwise directed by a healthcare provider).
- If a student or faculty member is exposed to an individual with a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status they should wear a good fitting mask for 10 days and test on Day 5. If symptoms develop during this time, they must notify the faculty member or Chair who will then notify Student Development and COVIDHealth.
- The Office of Student Development will notify all the student's instructors when a positive case is identified.
- If a student has a positive case, the faculty member should notify the class, being careful not to use any of the students personally identifiable or Protected Health Information (PHI). This information will be provided for other class participants to be aware if they did not practice social distancing in another setting outside of the classroom or campus.
- For on-campus clinics or appointments that involve one-on-one treatment, if a classroom participant has a positive case, the patient or client must be notified as well as other class participants, adhering to the same guidelines regarding PHI above. For off-campus clinicals, externships, internships, etc., if a student tests positive, the other classroom participants must be notified if they are at the same site. The organization must also be notified, and their protocols followed.
- If students refuse to comply with any of these procedures, the faculty member may ask the student to leave, or Campus Safety may be notified, and the student may be removed from the lab or classroom.

References:

- A. Center for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- B. CDC guidelines for homemade mask: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/DIY-cloth-face-covering-instructions.pdf>
- C. U.S. Surgeon General guidelines for homemade mask: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>
- D. CDC Symptom-Based Strategy to Discontinue Isolation for Persons with COVID-19: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/strategy-discontinue-isolation.html>
- E. “For most persons with COVID-19 illness, isolation and precautions can generally be discontinued 10 days *after symptom onset*¹ and resolution of fever for at least 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing medications, and with improvement of other symptoms.” <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/strategy-discontinue-isolation.html>
- F. Test for Past Infection (Antibody Test): <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing/serology-overview.html> ; Test for Current Infection: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing/diagnostic-testing.html>
- G. “Note, because symptoms cannot be used to gauge where these individuals are in the course of their illness, it is possible that the duration of viral shedding could be longer or shorter than 10 days after their first positive test.” <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/disposition-in-home-patients.html>
- H. Contact Tracing: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/case-investigation-contact-tracing.pdf>
- I. Incubation Period: “The incubation period for COVID-19 is thought to extend to 14 days, with a median time of 4-5 days from exposure to symptoms onset. One study reported that 97.5% of persons with COVID-19 who develop symptoms will do so within 11.5 days of SARS-CoV-2 infection.” <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/clinical-guidance-management-patients.html>

Spring 2022 Student Acknowledgement

As a student of Daytona State College, I understand the requirements to attend classes on campus. If I enroll in courses that meet on campus, I agree to abide by the following requirements:

Each of the following requirements is based on current CDC recommendations. Requirements may be adjusted as additional CDC recommendations are released.

- Daytona State College is taking the following tiered approach to masking:
 - **Red Level:** masks are expected in all indoor areas and at least 3' of physical distance should be maintained whenever possible.
 - **Orange Level:** Masks are recommended in all indoor areas and at least 3' of physical distance should be maintained
 - **Yellow Level:** Masks are optional and at least 3' of physical distance should be maintained whenever possible.
- As of January 10, 2022, DSC is at Red Level and face coverings are expected while in any building on campus and optional for outdoor activities. For individuals who have not been fully vaccinated, the CDC continues to recommend face coverings at most outdoor gatherings and when indoors (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/pdfs/choosingSaferAct.pdf>). Face coverings should be made with at least 2 layers of breathable material and fully cover the nose and mouth. Single-layer coverings, open-chin triangle bandanas and masks with holes or vents of any kind are not appropriate face coverings. (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>).
- I will practice social distancing techniques and stay at least 3 feet apart from other people in the classroom and other settings when possible.
- I will practice regular handwashing. The College will have hand sanitizers available in buildings and classrooms.
- Equipment and materials used during classroom activities should be sanitized between users.
- If I have any symptoms such as a fever, cough, loss of taste or smell, or cold-like or flu-like symptoms, I will follow the CDC guidelines, immediately remove myself from class, and notify my instructor. The Office of Student Development will track each case and will notify me when I am cleared to return to campus. I may return to campus when:

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- At least 5 days have passed since my symptoms first appeared

AND

- I have had no fever (100.4°F or greater) for at least 24 hours (that is one full day of no fever without the use of medicine that reduces fevers)

AND

- Other symptoms have improved (for example, cough or shortness of breath have improved)
- Masking is recommended for 5 additional days

Note: You may not return to campus until you have been contacted and cleared to do so by the Office of Student Development.

- If I have a confirmed case of COVID-19, I will follow the CDC guidelines, immediately remove myself from class, and notify my instructor. The Office of Student Development will track each case and will notify me when I am cleared to return to campus. I may return to campus when:

- At least 5 days have passed since my positive test results

AND

- I have had no fever (100.4°F or greater) for at least 24 hours (that is one full day of no fever without the use of medicine that reduces fevers)

AND

- Other symptoms have improved (for example, cough or shortness of breath have improved)
- Masking is recommended for 5 additional days

Note: You may not return to campus until you have been contacted and cleared to do so by the Office of Student Development.

- If I have come in close contact with anyone who has a confirmed case of COVID-19 and I will follow the CDC guidelines, immediately remove myself from class, and notify my instructor. A close contact as defined by the CDC is any individual who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes (cumulative over a 24-hour period), provided care at home to someone who was sick with COVID-19, had direct physical contact (hugged or kissed) someone with COVID-19, shared eating or drinking utensils, or was sneezed on, coughed on, or got respiratory droplets on them from someone with COVID-19 (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine.html>), “irrespective of whether the person with COVID-19 or the contact was wearing a mask” (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/public-health-recommendations.html>), starting from 2 days prior to illness onset or a positive test. The Office of Student Development will track each case and will notify me when I am cleared to return to campus. Student Development will use the following options for returning to campus:
- If you have received a booster, or have completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine within the last 6 months, or have completed the primary series of the J&J vaccine within the last 2 months:
 - Wear a mask around others for 10 days and monitor your symptoms.

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- Test on day 5, if possible. If symptoms occur or you subsequently test positive, follow the guidance for symptom based or test based procedures.
- If you completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine over 6 months ago and are not boosted, or you have completed the primary series of the J&J vaccine over 2 months ago and are not boosted, or are unvaccinated:
 - Quarantine for 5 days and continue to wear a mask for 5 additional days.
 - Test on day 5 if possible. If symptoms occur or you subsequently test positive, follow the guidance for symptom based or test based procedures (<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/s1227-isolation-quarantine-guidance.html>).

Note: You may not return to campus until you have been contacted and cleared to do so by the Office of Student Development.

- If any of the three situations occur, I will stay in contact with Student Development to update them on the current status of my case.
- If I have a lab confirmed, positive viral test for COVID-19, my close contact classmates may be contacted and informed, though my personal information will not be shared.
- The College will provide accommodations, to the extent possible, to make up work missed due to illness.
- I understand that the College is providing the safest environment possible and acknowledge that all risks cannot be eliminated.

I understand that if I fail to comply with any of the above requirements that I may be removed from the classroom or lab and may not have another opportunity to finish the course this semester.

Please see additional information from the CDC on the website below:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/strategy-discontinue-isolation.html>

Student Signature)