GUIDELINES FOR COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019)

Relative to
Students, Faculty, and Staff Who Have Recently Returned from a Place Where COVID-19 is Spreading

Effective Date: 3/10/2020

In accordance with Delgado Community College’s Infectious Diseases Policy (AD-004), the College has developed these guidelines to prevent the spread or outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease in accordance with guidelines and directives issued by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Louisiana Department of Health. These guidelines and procedures apply to all faculty, staff, students and visitors on all Delgado’s campuses and sites and will be interpreted and administered in order to protect the health and well-being of the College community specifically in reference to COVID-19.

If returning from an area with a Level 2 travel advisory (currently Japan) or a Level 3 travel advisory (currently China, Iran, Italy and South Korea) but is asymptomatic, individuals should stay home and monitor their health for 14 days after returning to the United States:

1. Contact Delgado Community College Health Services to notify the college of their recent travel and to request to return to school or work after required self-quarantine of 14 days
2. Self-quarantine and do not return to school or work for 14 days
3. Monitor their health with twice daily temperature checks and monitor for respiratory symptoms (cough, shortness of breath)
4. If they develop fever (>101) or respiratory symptoms, they should immediately call an appropriate healthcare provider and report their recent travel
5. If they remain asymptomatic after 14 days, contact the College’s Health Services to obtain a clearance to return.
6. Submit an appropriate healthcare provider’s statement of health prior to returning to the College.

If a student, faculty member, or staff member has been in close contact* with a person with symptomatic, laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 or a person under investigation, the individual should follow the recommendations of the CDC in regard to precautions for household members, intimate partners, and caregivers in a non-healthcare setting, which include the general precautions of hand hygiene and monitoring for symptoms. If the individual becomes symptomatic, they should immediately contact an appropriate healthcare provider.

*The CDC defines close contact as: a) being within approximately six (6) feet of a COVID-19 case for a prolonged period of time; close contact can occur while caring for, living with, visiting, or sharing a healthcare waiting area or room with a COVID-19 case OR b) having direct contact with infectious secretions of a COVID-19 case (e.g., being coughed on).

The College will amend, suspend, or modify these guidelines as needed based on continued guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and the Louisiana Department of Health.

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