

NOTICE TO STUDENTS: COVID-19 PROTOCOLS | FALL 2023

The Following Guidelines are Mandatory for Students on Campus

- Use the [Student COVID-19 Self Reporting System](#) to report symptoms, exposure to the coronavirus, or a positive COVID test.
- *Stay home if you are sick.* Notify Delgado Health Services at healthservices@dcc.edu for requirements to return to campus. Notify your instructors regarding coursework.
- *Practice good hygiene*, including covering your mouth when coughing or sneezing, using hand sanitizer stations when entering common areas, and washing your hands multiple times a day.

Classes

Classes will be offered in face-to-face, online, virtual live, and hybrid formats.

Cleaning

- We will continue to operate using the increased cleaning protocols recommended by the CDC to ensure that all campus buildings are cleaned and disinfected consistently with that guidance.
- Classrooms will be cleaned throughout the day.

HVAC and Ventilation

Our HVAC and Ventilation systems have been equipped with an Ultraviolet Germicidal Irradiation System (UVGI). UVGI lights are engineered to target and eradicate very specific types of airborne contaminants, specifically bacteria, viruses (COVID), and airborne microbes. Also, portable HEPA air purifiers will continue to be strategically placed throughout all campuses and sites.

Information on testing sites and vaccination sites can be found on the [Delgado Cares webpage](#).

Quick Instructions for Student Reporting COVID-19 Exposure

- Complete the Delgado [Student COVID-19 Self Reporting System](#).
- You will be contacted by the Delgado Health Services Coordinator.
- Be prepared to answer questions from the Health Services Coordinator.
- Follow the instructions provided by the Health Services Coordinator.

COVID -19 Scenario Protocols For Students

SCENARIO 1 - Confirmed Case of COVID-19

If students have received positive COVID-19 test results the following must occur:

- Students should notify Delgado Health Services by utilizing the [Student COVID-19 Self Reporting System](#) and are encouraged to contact an appropriate health care provider.
- Students should notify their instructors regarding the completion of coursework.
- Health Services will also notify the students' instructors who may have been in contact with the students, the Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, the Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, the campus- or site-specific Executive Dean, and Facilities staff.

Students can return to campus after meeting all the following conditions:

- If symptomatic, at least 5 days since symptoms first appeared. You can return on day 6 if you do not have a fever on day 5.
- If asymptomatic but with a positive test, 5 days from the time the test sample was collected. You can return on day 6 if you do not have a fever on day 5.
- No fever (temperature less than 100.4) for a minimum of 24 hours without the use of any fever-reducing medicines like aspirin, acetaminophen, or ibuprofen.
- Their respiratory symptoms have improved.
- They exhibit no other symptoms of COVID-19.
- They must wear a mask or other covering of their nose and mouth through Day 10.
- Students are to contact Health Services Coordinator to address requirements to return to campus by emailing healthservices@dcc.edu.

SCENARIO 2 - Individuals Experiencing Symptoms of COVID-19 or Have Been Exposed to Someone with COVID-19

- Students should notify Delgado Health Services by utilizing the [Student COVID-19 Self Reporting System](#) and are encouraged to contact an appropriate health care provider.
- Students should notify their instructors regarding the completion of coursework.
- Regardless of vaccination status, you are expected to take a COVID-19 test immediately and monitor your symptoms, and get retested within 5 days following exposure. Per current CDC guidelines, no quarantine is necessary.
- If you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, you should wear a mask as soon as you find out you were exposed. Continue masking for 10 days.
- Monitor for symptoms. If you develop symptoms, isolate immediately and get tested.
- Test on Day 6 after exposure even if you don't develop symptoms.

Students can return to campus after meeting all the following conditions:

- If you have had no symptoms and receive negative test results from a test taken 5 days following exposure, please notify the Health Services office at healthservices@dcc.edu for your clearance to return to school.
- If you are exhibiting symptoms and/or have received positive test results, please isolate* immediately and contact the Health Services office at healthservices@dcc.edu to discuss the requirements for your clearance to return to school.
**Note: Isolation for those who test positive for COVID-19 typically consists of:*
 - If symptomatic, at least 5 days since symptoms first appeared, symptoms are improving, and at least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication.
 - If asymptomatic but with a positive test, 5 days from the time the test sample was collected.
- The [Student COVID-19 Self Reporting System](#) will be used to better assist students with the return to campus protocols. The information collected using this reporting system will be stored in a secure location and will not be shared with any third-party agencies. By using this system, the student consents to have limited information shared with the appropriate college officials to ensure the student's continuity of instruction and that protocols are activated to protect the health and safety of other students, faculty, and staff.