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Protocol – COVID19 on Campus

Purpose

The following protocol was developed in conjunction with recommendations and requirements from the CDC, Ohio Department of Health and Clinton County Health Department to respond to a confirmed positive case of COVID-19 on campus.

Individual Self-Assessment Requirements

All students, staff and faculty are required to conduct a personal self-assessment including taking their temperature for the following symptoms on a daily basis:

- Cough.
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing.
- Fever (100.4F or higher)
- Chills.
- Muscle pain.
- Sore throat.
- New loss of taste or smell.
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.

NOTE: Athletes will be screened in person by the AT staff or coaching staff before all practices and organized workouts.

Students living on campus who have any of these symptoms must:

- Stay in their room.
- Contact Student Health Services by phone or email for assessment of the symptoms. If after hours or you are unable to reach Student Health Services call Campus Safety.
- Self-isolate until you are able to undergo the assessment.
- Wear a face covering at all times.
- Minimize contact with others.
- NOT attend class or interact with any member of campus except for a Health Services staff member.
- If experiencing fever, student must be fever free for 72 hours without the use of fever reducing medication before they may return to class/activities.
- Provide “Release to Return to Class” before returning to class from Student Health Services.

Commuter students experiencing any of these symptoms must:

- NOT come to campus or attend class.

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- Contact Student Health Services or your personal health care provider for assessment of the symptoms.
- If experiencing fever, students must be fever free for 72 hours without the use of fever reducing medication before they may return to the campus.
- Provide “Release to Return to Class” before returning to campus from their attending medical provider and Student Health Services.

Staff or Faculty experiencing any of these symptoms must:

- NOT come to campus.
- Contact your health care provider for assessment of the symptoms.
- If experiencing fever, employee must be fever free for 72 hours without the use of fever reducing medication before they may return to the office.
- Provide “Release to Return to Work” before returning to office from their attending medical provider.
- Contact Human Resources and your immediate supervisor/area coordinator.

Testing

Students that have been assessed by Student Health Services and identified to be tested for COVID-19 will be:

(If a student–athlete is identified to be tested for COVID-19, the AT Staff will work with the Heath Center to make sure the following protocol is met.)

- Directed to a local testing center, currently Greater Tomorrow Urgent Care. Arrangements for testing locally will be made through Student Health Services. If transportation is needed it will be provided.
- Students that have a home residence within 2 hours travel time will be required to return home to await the test results and self-isolate if rapid test is not administered.
- Students that have a home resident beyond 2 hours travel time will be quarantined in designated campus housing to await test results if rapid test is not administered. Meals will be provided by Residence Life.

Staff or Faculty that have been assessed by their personal health provider to be tested for COVID-19 will be:

- Required to self-isolate at home to await test results.
- Notify Human Resources of results.
- Follow guidance from personal health provider and County Health Department.

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- Complete the Covid Questionnaire which will come in a link provided via email by Human Resources or Student Health Services.

Confirmed Case Steps

Any confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 will be immediately reported to the Clinton County Health Department (CCHD). The CCHD will conduct contact tracing, communication to those identified and provide guidance on next steps. Potential next steps could be:

- Individual/s confirmed positive will be required to isolate per directives of CCHD.
- If positive case is a student in residential campus housing, following instructions from CCHD, they would need to isolate at home for a minimum of 10 days per current CDC guidelines.
- Complete the Covid Questionnaire which will come in a link provided via email by either Human Resources or Student Health Services.
- Those identified as “close contacts” would be required to quarantine as follows:
 - Optimal Duration: 14 days after last exposure.
 - Reduced Duration 1 – At least 10 days after last exposure without signs and symptoms of COVID-19.
 - Reduced Duration 2 – After a negative test result for COVID-19 from a sample collected on day 5 or later, after the last exposure AND stay at home for at least 7 days after the last exposure.
 - Students living within 2 hours commute would need to quarantine at home. Students living outside that area would be directed to campus quarantine facility.
- See below for “close contact” exposure.
- A case of a single student/employee that has practiced social distancing and worn proper facial coverings. Routine daily cleaning/disinfecting of office space or classrooms is adequate. No need to close classrooms or office space.
- Multiple cases of students or employees that have not practiced social distancing nor worn proper facial coverings. Would require closure of the classrooms/office space for 24 hours followed by a full cleaning and disinfecting of spaces.
- A case of an individual with no facial covering but stood behind a barrier (such as plexi-glass) would require closure of the classroom or office space for 24 hours followed by a full cleaning and disinfecting of spaces.
- A housing facility with multiple cases of concurrent unrelated spread (≥ 3) would require closure and decontamination of the facility.
- If confirmed positive case is a member of an athletic team, the AT staff will assist the Clinton County Health Department to determine the contact tracing involved in the team.

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For any individual recovering from COVID-19, the Ohio Department of Health current requires that isolation be maintained for at least 10 days after illness onset and at least 3 days after recovery. Illness onset is considered the date symptoms begin.

Employees and Students will need to provide “Release to Return to Work/Class” before returning from their attending medical provider and be fever free for 72 hours with no fever reducing medications. Students may get this release from Student Health Services. Student releases should be provided to Academic Affairs. Academic Affairs will notify appropriate faculty that student may return to class.

Exposure to Individual with COVID-19

Any student, faculty or staff that has had masked or unmasked close contact (within 6 feet for 15 minutes or longer) with an individual with COVID-19 with symptoms, an individual that has tested positive without symptoms, or an athletic team member that has meet a lower threshold for close contact must:

- Students must notify the Student Health Services immediately.
- Employees must notify Human Resources immediately.
- Quarantine as follows:
 - Optimal Duration: 14 days after last exposure.
 - Reduced Duration 1 – At least 10 days after last exposure without signs and symptoms of COVID-19.
 - Reduced Duration 2 – After a negative test result for COVID-19 from a sample collected on day 5 or later, after the last exposure AND stay at home for at least 7 days after the last exposure.
- Check your temperature twice a day and watch for symptoms of COVID-19.
- If possible, stay away from people who are at high-risk for getting very sick from COVID-19.
- Complete the COVID Questionnaire which will come in a link provided via email by Human Resources or Student Health Services.

Communications

Communication to campus and community will be managed by the Student Health Services and Public Relations following HIPAA and FERPA privacy regulations.

Those identified as “close contacts” on campus will be notified by the HR and the Director of Student Health in conjunction with the CCHD.

Academic Affairs will be notified of those students that will require remote learning due to isolation or quarantine requirements.

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Managers of staff or faculty members that require isolation or quarantine will be notified by Human Resources to coordinate remote work or other options as needed.

Campus will be notified when a campus individual has been identified as positive and that appropriate steps have been taken.

This protocol will be updated based on any new federal, state or local guidelines or regulations as needed.

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