

NOTICE TO STUDENTS: COVID-19 PROTOCOLS SPRING 2022

Daily Self-Assessment is Mandatory for Entry to Campus

Use the [Delgado Pre-Screening App](#) or QR Code daily to receive clearance (Delgado Health Pass) before arriving on campus (see right). This action continues to be mandatory for faculty, staff, students, and visitors as it provides a built-in, immediate process for responding to potential exposures for our College community. **Students, your instructors will ask to see proof that you are cleared for each in-person class you have.**



Face Coverings

Face coverings are mandatory indoors. Mask stations will be available at the entrance of every building at every campus/site if you need a mask.

Classrooms

All classes will be virtual, or online, from January 15 - 30, 2022, with the exception of clinicals, labs, and other hands-on courses that cannot be completed virtually. After January 30, faculty teaching in-person class sections with 30 or more enrolled students may opt for a hybrid format where 50% of the students are in the classroom each day during peak infection periods. However, when infection rates decline significantly classes can resume to full occupancy.

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. Restrooms, elevator buttons, and ATMs will be cleaned and sanitized four times per day. Stair railings will be cleaned twice per day. Computers and other workspaces used by students should be wiped down by the student before and after use. Offices, hallways, and entrances will be cleaned daily.
- Classrooms will be cleaned throughout the day.
- Fogging systems will be used for additional sanitation, when necessary.

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 be strategically placed throughout all campuses and sites.

Events

All on-campus indoor events are canceled until further notice, and there are to be no large gatherings or congregating indoors.

The Following Guidelines are Mandatory for Students on Campus

- *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.
- As mandated, facial coverings are required and must be worn upon entering and leaving all Delgado facilities. They must also be worn in halls, walkways, stairwells, elevators, break rooms, meeting rooms and restrooms. The facial covering should fully cover the mouth/nose area and may not contain inappropriate images or text that may be offensive to others.
- Only *two individuals* in elevators and restrooms at a time.
- *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.

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 Health Pass. (If admission to the campus is denied, complete the [electronic self-reporting form](#).)
- 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.

Please refer to the [COVID-19 Looking Ahead document](#) for FAQs and more information.



COVID -19 Scenario Protocols For Students

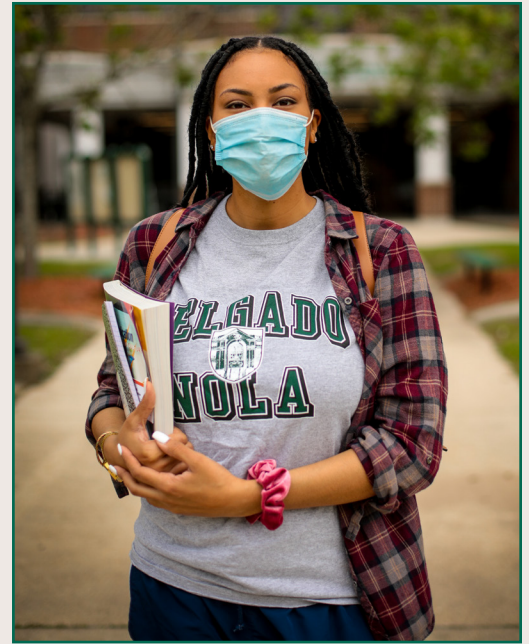
SCENARIO 1 - Confirmed Case of COVID-19

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 healthcare 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.
- 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 in Close Contact with Someone Infected with COVID-19

If students have reported having been in close contact with someone infected with COVID-19 as defined by the CDC [a) being within approximately six 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 or sneezed on)] 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 healthcare provider.
- Students should notify their instructors regarding the completion of coursework.
- Health Services will also notify all the student's 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:

- All persons vaccinated or unvaccinated should take a COVID-19 test immediately after a known or suspected exposure to COVID-19.
- If you are fully vaccinated, as advised by the Governor per current Center for Disease Control (CDC) and LDH guidelines, you are not required to quarantine; however, in an abundance of caution, the College requires you to quarantine while waiting on your test results. If you are not fully vaccinated, you are required to quarantine immediately following exposure.
- Regardless of vaccination status, you will be expected to take a COVID-19 test immediately and monitor your symptoms, and get retested within 5 days following exposure.
- 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.