

# NWTC COVID-19 Campus Guidelines for Students

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## Together, We Soar Higher

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact the way we all learn, live, and do our daily work, please know Northeast Wisconsin Technical College is committed to the safety and wellbeing of our college community.

The College has created guidelines to promote a safe working and learning environment for the NWTC community during the pandemic. We are continually collaborating with local health departments and monitoring the CDC website for the most current protocols and to maintain a safe environment. As changes are made, this document will be updated and communicated as appropriate.

All NWTC students are expected to follow the [COVID-19 Campus Guidelines](#).

These guidelines are effective August 9, 2021.

Student email will continue to be a primary method of communicating COVID-19 related updates. Students are encouraged to check email regularly.

### Questions?

Contact the NWTC COVID-19 Team: [covid19@nwtc.edu](mailto:covid19@nwtc.edu).

## On Campus Guidelines

Effective August 9, 2021 all staff, students and visitors to our campus are required to wear a face covering in our campuses and regional learning centers. Employees in their office or cubicle alone are not required to wear the face covering. The commons will remain open, and face coverings must be worn except when eating. The gym will remain open however capacity limits will apply, face coverings must be worn at all times and equipment must be cleaned before and after use.

Physical distancing is not required but encouraged where possible. **Daily Screening Prior to Arriving on Campus**

Students are expected to self-screen prior to coming on campus. There are two sets of screening questions.

### Screening Question #1: *How are you feeling?*

Whether you are vaccinated or not, if you are experiencing these symptoms you should not come to campus until your symptoms have improved and are fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication. Please visit the [CDC website](#) for the most up to date list of possible symptoms.

Yes	No	
		Fever
		Chills
		Cough unrelated to known allergies
		Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
		Fatigue
		Muscle or body aches
		Headache
		New loss of taste or smell

		Sore throat
		Congestion or runny nose
		Nausea or vomiting
		Diarrhea

**STUDENT:** If you answer yes to any of the above, then,

- Notify either a faculty or staff member
- A Starfish Referral will be sent on the student’s behalf
- The student will then receive a NWTC email notification with resources and return to campus information

**Screening Question #2: *Can you answer “yes” to any of the following?***

Yes	No	
		Have you tested positive for COVID in the previous 10 days?
		Have you been tested for COVID and have not received your results?
		Are you not fully vaccinated and have had close contact* with another person who tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days?
		Are you not fully vaccinated and you or anyone you have been in contact with traveled internationally in the last 14 days?

\*Close contact is defined as one of the following:

- Household member
- Carpool member
- Spent a prolonged period of time in the same room (15 minutes w/in 6 feet)
- Had direct physical contact (e.g. kissing, hugging)
- Shared eating or drinking utensils.
- Contact with their respiratory secretions (e.g. coughed or sneezed on you)

**STUDENT:** If you answer yes to any of the above, then,

- Notify either a faculty or staff member
- A Starfish Referral will be sent on the student’s behalf
- The student will then receive a NWTC email notification with resources and return to campus information

**Positive COVID-19 Test Result – Vaccinated or Unvaccinated Student**

NWTC cares about students’ well-being and is committed to helping students succeed in the face of this challenge. A member of the COVID Case Manager team will communicate with students who have tested positive or who are awaiting test results.

**You will need to remain off campus until the test results are received, and you have received a return to campus communication from the NWTC COVID Response Team.**

**Close Contact Notification – Unvaccinated Student:**

Close contacts are individuals that are within six feet of the infected individual for more than 15 minutes in a 24-hour period. Close contacts who are not fully vaccinated will be allowed to return to campus based on the CDC guidelines [when to start and end quarantine](#).

Students possibly exposed to the student or in the same workspace as the student will be notified by a member of the NWTC COVID Response team.

### **Close Contact Notification – Vaccinated Student:**

Fully vaccinated students with no symptoms may continue to access campus and should continue the daily screening process for 14 days following the exposure. The CDC recommends being tested between days 3 and 5 following close contact of an infected person.

HIPAA and FERPA guidelines will be followed in managing COVID-19 cases. Specific identifying information will only be shared with individuals on a need to know basis.

### **Returning to Campus After a COVID-19 Test**

Based on your situation, you could be off campus anywhere from 24 hours to 14 days. You may return to campus once you have received a return to campus notification from the NWTC COVID Response Team.

### **How to Get the Latest COVID-19 Information**

#### *College Website*

The most current COVID-19 information, including updates on requirements, safety practices, and protocols will be available on the [NWTC COVID-19 Updates and Remote Resources webpage](#).

#### *Student Resources*

The NWTC COVID 19 and Remote Resources webpage is accessible via the NWTC website, [COVID-19 Information and Resources - Northeast Wisconsin Technical College \(nwtc.edu\)](#)

Students with questions relating to COVID-19 can send their questions to the COVID-19 email address, [covid19@nwtc.edu](mailto:covid19@nwtc.edu)

***These protocols are subject to change based on guidance from COVID-19 authoritative sources.***

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