

NWTC COVID-19 Campus Guidelines for Students

January 2022

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](#).

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.

On Campus Guidelines

All staff, students and visitors to our campus are required to wear a mask in our campus buildings and regional learning centers. 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 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

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

Yes	No	
		Have you tested positive for COVID-19?
		Have you been tested for COVID-19 and have not received your results?
		Are you a close contact* with someone with COVID-19?
		Do you have symptoms as noted in screening questions #1?

*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)

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

[Current CDC Return to Campus Guidelines](#)

Day 0 - Last day of exposure to infected person OR first day of symptoms if infected

Close Contact – Within six feet of infected person for combined total of 15 minutes or more in a 24-hour period

Strict Mask Use - fits snugly against the face and has layers to keep own respiratory droplets in and other’s out. Mask must be always worn. Eating and drinking in office space alone and with closed door.

Up to date on vaccinations – see current CDC definition at [Stay Up to Date with Your Vaccines | CDC](#)

Close Contact to Someone with COVID-19

- Symptomatic (regardless of vaccination status)
 - Quarantine for five days
 - May return day six if symptoms improved and fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication
 - Strict mask use for additional five days

- [If you are not up to date on your vaccinations](#) and Asymptomatic
 - Quarantine for five days; return day six
 - Strict mask use for additional five days
 - Recommend testing at day five
- [If you are up to date on your vaccinations and boosters](#) and Asymptomatic OR confirmed COVID-19 within the last 90 days and tested positive using a viral test
 - Strict mask use for 10 days
 - Recommend testing at day five

Symptomatic No Known Close Contact

- Symptomatic (regardless of vaccination status) and unrelated to known allergies or other illness
 - Quarantine
 - Get tested
 - Negative – stay home until symptoms improve, fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication
 - Positive – follow Positive Covid-19 Test protocol
 - If no test, follow Positive Covid-19 Test (isolate for five days and five additional days of strict mask use)

Positive COVID-19 Test

- Isolate for five days
 - If become symptomatic during the five days – day 0 is first day of symptoms
 - If asymptomatic throughout five days - day 0 if last day of exposure to infected person; if no known exposure, day 0 is day of test
 - May return day six if symptoms improved and fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication
 - **Must continue isolation after five days if you have a fever**
- Five additional days of strict mask use

Travel

For the latest information on travel guidance, please reference to the [CDC Guidelines on Travel](#).

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

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

Updated:

- January 10, 2022
- August 9, 2021
- June 23, 2021
- January 14, 2021
- September 17, 2020
- September 4, 2020
- September 1, 2020
- August 27,2020

Approved: July 22, 2020