

## Phase 1 Guidance for Kettering College Students

While the COVID-19 pandemic is impacting the local area, students will be expected to either remotely attend live synchronous lectures or pre-recorded asynchronous lectures depending on their specific course and instructor requirements. All written coursework and assignments must be completed as mandated by course syllabi. Students that are involved in programs or courses that require essential in-person labs, simulations, or clinic rotations will follow the schedule outlined by their program director and instructors. Recognize that the return to campus may vary between different programs because of their individual accrediting bodies' guidelines and recommendations on when it is deemed safe and/or essential for students to return to clinicals and in-person simulations or labs. Inability to attend scheduled learning activities or complete coursework on time will be handled at the discretion of each individual program director or faculty instructor for that required activity.

Learners who are considered a vulnerable population need to communicate with their primary care provider to determine if they should avoid in-person labs, simulations, or clinical rotations at this time, and resume once the crisis has passed. Students also have the option of delaying their required in-person responsibilities during this time and resuming their education once the pandemic deescalates. If a learner feels they need an accommodation through this time they should reference page 16 of the student handbook to learn more about this and contact Dr. Beverly Ervin, Director of Academic Support Services. If the choice is made by students to electively not participate in required clinicals, labs, or simulations, then there is a risk of not being able to complete their associated degree on time. Attendance to on-campus required learning is done so with knowledge that there is risk of infection and students attend at their own risk.

During summer semester 2020, students reporting to campus will be required to report to an assigned screening station where they will be asked about the presence of any COVID-19 symptoms, have their temperature taken, and review mask care. Students must show their student ID and wear it at all times while on campus. Learners involved in on-campus activities will receive specific directions from their instructors on reporting time and location of their screening station. Upon questioning, if a student has any of the CDC-guideline COVID-19 screening symptoms, actively has a fever greater than 100.0°F, or has had close contact with a known positive COVID-19 case, the student will be turned away and informed that he or she cannot participate in the learning activity. If the student is turned away from the screening station, the student will be required to obtain a note from his or her primary care provider or an urgent care provider stating that he or she had an evaluation and is safe to return to group participation with social distancing. Telehealth visits are acceptable for this requirement.

Students reporting to campus will be required to wear a mask at all times while on site. Homemade masks will be accepted and encouraged as they can be washed and reused while saving PPE for the hospital setting. Students in clinicals should use the medical masks required by their personal rotation site as well as any additional PPE as instructed. All students should practice strict hygiene while on campus including thorough hand washing, use of personal hand sanitizer, practicing social distancing of 6ft between one another, covering coughs and sneezes with an elbow, and avoiding touching their face. Students should not wear gloves except when recommended during simulation/laboratory exercises. Learners will not be permitted to congregate in common areas on campus for any reason. Students will be expected to report to their screening station, proceed directly to their learning environment, and then leave campus immediately upon completion of the activity. If expected to be on campus all day, students should plan to either pack their lunch to consume in their car or to get food off-site. We appreciate all the support and compliance of our students with these regulations as we work to continue the essential learning

processes while protecting the health of all our Kettering College students, faculty, and staff. We will continue to update you on any changes to this policy as the pandemic's impact on our local community continues to change.

## **Appendix**

Definition of "vulnerable population"

1. *Elderly individuals.*
2. *Individuals with serious underlying health conditions, including high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, obesity, asthma, and those whose immune system is compromised such as by chemotherapy for cancer and other conditions requiring such therapy.*

It is strongly encouraged students read through the articles below on tactics for infection prevention from the CDC:

Use of Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19 (includes how to make them and proper wear/care): <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>

Handwashing fact sheets:

<https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/fact-sheets.html>

Social distancing:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/social-distancing.html>

Videos from Kettering Health Network Incident Command on donning and doffing of masks:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JwPWdkbyizw>