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Fall 2020 Guide for Neosho Panthers

Neosho County Community College has been working diligently this summer to respond to, and plan for, the changes to the health and safety of our communities. Enriching our communities and students' lives is our mission, but **your safety is our priority.**

We do intend to welcome back students for in-person classes beginning August 24, 2020. We will continue to update plans based on information, guidelines, and requirements provided by public health officials.

NCCC is taking many steps to help protect students, employees, and visitors. This document provides a preview of what to expect this fall, however please understand as the situation changes this information may be updated, and as our planning continues, more details will be posted at the [Neosho COVID19 News](#) website.



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Health & Safety



Facilities and Operations: Physical modifications have been made to the buildings, including clear barriers, frequent cleaning, hand sanitizing stations, and social distancing reminders.



Face Coverings: Employees, students, visitors, and vendors are required to wear a face covering that covers the nose and mouth while in buildings owned and/or operated by the college. Face coverings must also be worn outdoors on campus where safe social distancing is not possible. The following in-building exceptions apply:

- Employees working alone in their office
- Students in their residence hall room or with their suitemate(s)
- While participating in activities in which a face covering cannot be worn or would prohibit respiratory function (eating, drinking, singing/playing a musical instrument, playing sports)
- Individuals with a recognized disability who have accommodation that prevents the wearing of a face covering.



Health Assessments: We will be asking all employees, students, and visitors to help protect others by completing their own daily self-assessment before coming on campus. If you are feeling sick or running a fever, do not come on campus, rather, seek medical advice.

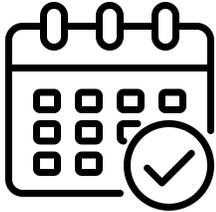


Prevention Hygiene: Practice regular handwashing and use hand sanitizing stations when soap and water are not available. Avoid touching your face, eyes, or nose. Cough and sneeze into your elbow to help protect others.



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Academic Calendar & Educational Environments



Classes: All classes will begin as planned on August 24, 2020. Some face-to-face classes may be adjusted for social distancing. Students, please pay attention to emails from your instructor with more information.

Dates: All current Academic Calendar and Enrollment Management dates (for example: last day to add a class, last day to drop with a refund, etc...) will remain as currently published.



Transition after Thanksgiving: All face-to-face and hybrid class sections will transition to an alternative delivery method starting November 30, 2020 (after the Thanksgiving break). In general, these courses will transition to live remote instruction hosted via Zoom at the normal, scheduled, in-person class times. Some exceptions may be made for courses that require in-person activity that was not completed prior to the transition. More class-specific information will be provided by instructors.



Final Exams: Final exams will be remote with some exceptions. The final exam schedule will be updated to allow for an extended timeframe for the scheduled exam time periods.

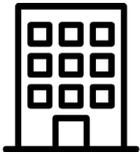
Faculty Training: All faculty will be provided with additional training to plan and prepare for the transition to remote instruction.

Support: All academic support services will continue in-person or remotely for the entire semester.



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Housing



Move-In: Procedures for moving into the residence halls were sent to students in July by NCCC Housing staff. There will be multiple move-in days for our students based on quarantine needs. Please limit family members on campus on your move-in day and plan to be screened for symptoms and tested upon arrival.



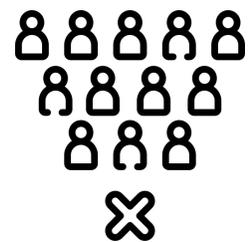
Self-Isolation: Due to state and county regulations, some students, such as those traveling internationally, or from a state experiencing a high number of positive cases, may be required to self-isolate for two weeks upon arrival. Please watch for information from the housing staff to learn more about your situation.



Testing: NCCC wants to take precautions if possible to avoid community spread of the Coronavirus. We will be working with local health professionals to monitor the health and safety of our students in the residence hall through COVID-19 testing.

Events

Gatherings: Currently, all outside group events have been suspended until further notice. All students, employees and visitors should check our website frequently for [level status](#).



Athletic Events: All sports, excluding Cross Country have been moved to the spring semester. Please see the [NJCAA Plan of Action](#) for details. Team practice will continue as scheduled during the fall semester.





Positive COVID-19 Test Result? Next Steps:

It is required by all students, employees, vendors, and community visitors that they reveal in a timely fashion if they have tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 14 days. Failure to report a positive test may result in adverse action.



If you have a positive test result:

- Take care of yourself – this is not your fault, and we appreciate you looking out for your fellow Panthers by following these steps.
- Do not come to campus, immediately complete the [COVID Report Form](#) found on the Coronavirus Update and Reporting page on the website and in myNeosho under mySafety.
- Someone will be reaching out from the College and/or the County Health Department. To prepare, start making a list of the people that you have interacted with for over 10 minutes within 6 feet, especially if one or both of you were not wearing a mask.

If someone reports to you they have a positive test result:

- Immediately complete the [COVID Report Form](#) found on the Coronavirus Update and Reporting page on the website and in myNeosho under mySafety.
- Keep this information private. You are not at liberty to share (other than filling out the form).
- Thank the individual for letting you know and reassure them that the information will remain private and someone will be in touch with them soon with support and information.

If you hear about a positive test result in a “rumor” or on social media:

- Immediately complete the [COVID Report Form](#) found on the Coronavirus Update and Reporting page on the website and in myNeosho under mySafety. Provide as much information as you can.
- Please do not spread the rumor further.



Daily Health Assessment

All employees, students, and visitors:

Please complete the following health assessment before coming to campus each day. If you meet the KDHE expectations for isolation or answer yes to any of these questions, **DO NOT** come to campus, please seek medical advice.



Please assess your [travel and exposure for isolation](#) by reviewing the Information from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. This information changes frequently, please assess yourself daily.



Have you had contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days?



Are you currently experiencing, or have you had any of these symptoms in the last 14 days?



- Cough
- Shortness of breath / Difficulty breathing
- Fever or chills
- Sore throat
- Fatigue or body aches
- New loss of taste or smell
- Headache
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea