



Spring 2021 Guide for Neosho Panthers

Neosho County Community College has been working diligently to respond to 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.**

Spring classes begin on January 19, 2021. On that date we intend to welcome students back for in-person classes and all learning environments that we provide. 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. ***Some of the protocols that were in place in the fall have been updated.*** As the situation changes this information will 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 air purification systems, 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. Masks are available in several college offices if you don't have one. The following in-building exceptions apply:

- Employees working alone in their office with their door closed
- 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, extreme physical exertion while playing sports)
- Individuals with a recognized disability who have accommodation that prevents the wearing of a face covering



Health Assessments: All employees, students, and visitors must complete a daily self health 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 in your mask and into your elbow to help protect others.



Required 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 recently had contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19?



Are you currently experiencing, or have you recently had any of these symptoms?



- 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



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.

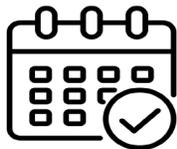


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Academic Calendar & Educational Environments



Classes: All classes will begin as planned on January 19, 2021. Face-to-face classes may be adjusted for social distancing. Due to the changing landscape of the pandemic, as a warning, NCCC may decide to adjust face-to-face class environments. We may need to pivot to remote learning at the class, program, or full college level at any point due to health and safety circumstances. Classes will continue **as scheduled**, no matter how it is offered (face-to-face, remote, hybrid, online). Students, please pay attention to emails from your instructor or from the college for more information as applicable.



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. At this time, we plan to move forward with the standard closing the college for spring break (March 15 - 19, 2021). The college does ask everyone to maintain daily health protocols such as wearing masks, avoiding large groups, self-assessment, and frequent handwashing at all times, including during spring break.

Support: All support services, including tutoring, advising, counseling, etc. will continue in-person or remotely for the entire semester.

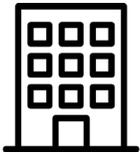
Remote Instruction: If your class transitions to remote learning, NCCC is here to help you connect. You will still be expected to be in class! We have Zoom stations available in the Chapman Learning Center and Snyder Chapel in Chanute and the Teaching and Learning Center in Ottawa for your use (some available 24/7). Also, student services has a limited supply of laptops that are available for check out. Your local public library may also be a location for you to join your class. Additionally, NCCC's free wi-fi access extends throughout campus and into its parking lots. Please contact the Dean of Student Services at kcoomes@neosho.edu if you are in need of a laptop and help@neosho.edu if you need assistance with wi-fi.





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Housing



Move-In: Procedures for moving into the residence halls were sent to students in December by NCCC Housing staff. There will be multiple move-in days for our students based on activity needs. There will be no visitors allowed in the residence halls during the spring semester. Plan to be screened for symptoms and tested upon your arrival.



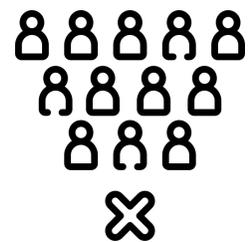
Self-Isolation: Due to state and county regulations, some students, such as those traveling internationally, or from a state experiencing a high number of positive cases, may be required to self-isolate for a period of time. Please watch for information from the housing staff to learn more about your 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. Those students that live in the residence hall or are participating in a college sport will be required to submit to Coronavirus testing upon request.

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 athletic competitions excluding Cross Country have been moved to the spring semester. Please see the [NJCAA Plan of Action](#) for details. Fan participation is limited by the KJCCC rule. Please check the athletic website ([goneosho.edu](#)) before making plans to attend. All home events will be available to view via livestream and are free of charge, see details on [goneosho.edu](#). Team practice will continue as scheduled during the spring semester.

