



## Frequently Asked Questions SCC COVID-19 Protocols and Procedures for 2021 Fall Semester

- 1. Is SCC requiring vaccinated individuals who choose not to wear a mask to show proof they have been vaccinated?** The College is not requiring individuals to show proof of vaccination, but we are communicating our expectation to unvaccinated staff and students to wear a mask while on one of our campuses or locations. Also, through Sept. 30, 2021, all individuals over age 2, regardless of their vaccination status, are required to wear a mask indoors when at least 6 feet of distance cannot be maintained. This is in effect at all SCC locations throughout the 15-county area.
- 2. Is the College requiring employees and students to wear a mask?** Through Sept. 30, 2021, all individuals over age 2, regardless of their vaccination status, are required to wear a mask indoors when at least 6 feet of distance cannot be maintained. This is in effect at all SCC locations throughout the 15-county area.
- 3. Is the College still asking students to clean their desk areas at the beginning of class?** Based on research in relation to low transmission rates associated via surface contact with the virus, we are no longer asking students to clean their desk areas prior to class. However, classrooms will be provided cleaning supplies if anyone wishes to use them.
- 4. Can instructors require students to wear masks in the classroom?** Instructors can request that students wear masks in their classroom. Situations include, but may not be limited to, if the instructor has unvaccinated children at home, or they themselves have an autoimmune disease, or if students in the class have requested masking for their protection, etc. Students also can request that fellow classmates, as well as the instructor, wear masks while in class. See Question 1 for the current Directed Health Measure in place.
- 5. If an instructor is vaccinated, should they wear a mask?** SCC is following the Directed Health Measure that states all individuals over age 2, regardless of their vaccination status, are required to wear a mask indoors when at least 6 feet of distance cannot be maintained. This is in effect at all SCC locations throughout the 15-county area.

6. **Should both the instructor and the student submit a TIPS report if a student reports a potential exposure or positive test?** The College is recommending that both the student and the instructor submit a TIPS report.
7. **With the original COVID-19 variant, the health department recommended testing on day 5 or later when there was a known exposure saying that testing earlier may not be reliable. Has that directive about the timing of testing after a known exposure changed with the Delta variant?** The current guidance is that individuals test 3-5 days after a known exposure using the PCR testing process. Tests can be obtained at most pharmacies and physician's offices, and drive-up testing is available in Lincoln at Gateway Mall through [https://testing.nomihealth.com/easy\\_registration/139/onsite](https://testing.nomihealth.com/easy_registration/139/onsite). County Health does not recommend relying on the home testing kits for proof of positive status.
8. **Is SCC incentivizing vaccination among employees and students?** Yes, the College is incentivizing vaccinations through gift cards and random drawings for various cash awards. The College also will be offering onsite vaccine clinics on each of its three campuses.
9. **Are instructors required to offer Zoom for each in-person class?** No. However, instructors should record their classes and load the recording to the Canvas course shell for students who have to miss class for health reasons.
10. **Will the COVID-19 Dashboard be reinstated?** The SCC Dashboard, which can be accessed at <https://www.southeast.edu/covid-19-dashboard/>, has remained operational since the beginning of the pandemic in 2020.
11. **Will contact tracing differ based upon the specific variant?** We won't know if a report of COVID-19 is specific to any of the variants. In-depth contact tracing will occur for all COVID-19 symptoms, exposures and positive cases to assess the impact on our campuses, locations, students, and employees.
12. **What will the College do if one of the county health departments in our 15-county service area implements a Directed Health Measure that is more restrictive than others?** We will comply with any and all Directed Health Measures and work closely with our public health agencies to assess each one to determine application throughout all campuses and locations.
13. **Are seating assignments going to be mandatory for in-person classes?** Yes, and so is taking attendance. Both will be logged in Canvas.
14. **Under what circumstances will SCC change its protocols?**  
SCC will follow local Directed Health Measures if they change or as directed by our local public health agencies.

**15. Why is the College requiring that employees and students upload a copy of their vaccination cards to be eligible for prizes?**

Uploading a copy of the vaccination card is optional for all students and employees. Having vaccination cards on file will help contact tracers to provide instruction to any exposed individuals more quickly should they need to contact an employee or student. Per public health, anyone required to quarantine due to an exposure must show proof of vaccination in order to “get out of quarantine.”

**16. What if an SCC employee must quarantine at home but can't perform their job responsibilities from home?**

SCC's emergency leave plan has expired. Please work with your supervisor.

**17. Does the College have any guidelines on vehicle capacity for employees traveling to work-related events and for student-athletes traveling to away contests?**

The same expectations would apply when traveling in vehicles. All unvaccinated individuals are expected to wear a mask. We also recommend all vaccinated individuals wear a mask whenever 6 feet distance cannot be maintained for 15 minutes or more.