

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

Rappahannock Community College

RCC Health and Safety Statement

The health and safety of the RCC community are our top priorities. We will follow Virginia Department of Health and Centers for Disease Control guidelines. Students, faculty, and staff who have symptoms of infectious illness, such as influenza (flu), COVID-19, or related respiratory illnesses or viruses should stay home and seek treatment from their healthcare provider, regardless of vaccination status. Staying home when sick is essential to keep infectious illness and respiratory virus out of schools and to prevent spread to others.

FACULTY AND STAFF:

COVID-19 is one of the many illnesses that the College helps students and employees manage on a daily basis. The RCC emergency management team coordinates with Administration and HR, to respond if conditions require college operations to adapt.

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF:

- Monitor for [symptoms of COVID-19](#).
- Do not attend work, class or gatherings if you are sick.
- Keep current on COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters. Visit [Vaccines.gov](#) for local vaccination sites in the Commonwealth.
- Test if you suspect COVID-19. Find tests at retail pharmacies, or your medical provider.
- Maintain good hygiene, including handwashing and use of hand sanitizer.
- Wear a mask over the nose and mouth. Masking is always welcome anywhere at Rappahannock Community College Campuses and Sites and the last few years have clearly shown that masks dramatically reduce the spread of airborne infections, including COVID-19.
- Disinfect personal areas such as bathrooms, phones, keyboards, desks and offices frequently.

HOW TO RESPOND IF YOU TEST POSITIVE:

- RCC employees sick with COVID-19 or another respiratory illness should not attend work in person until their symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours and they are fever-free. Please advise them to follow the college's sick leave policies. Check with HR with any leave-related questions.
- When you do return to work, the CDC recommends wearing a well-fitted mask for an additional five days, keeping additional distance from others and enhancing hygiene practices.
- Virginia no longer offers Public Health Emergency Leave (PHEL). If you are out from work because of a COVID-19 diagnosis, please use sick or other appropriate leave.
- If you feel able to work and your position allows you to work remotely, please coordinate with your supervisor, dean or chair as appropriate.

PLEASE CONTACT (Positive cases):

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GUIDELINES FOR FACULTY RESPONDING TO STUDENT ILLNESS – COVID-19

- RCC students who are sick with COVID-19, or another respiratory illness should not attend in-person classes until their symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours and they are fever-free.
- Please accommodate students who need to miss class for a short period of time, as with any other illness. There are numerous alternatives available for you to assist students to complete course work during any length of absence, please contact your dean or director should you have any questions or need additional guidance.
- Please respect the medical privacy of students by keeping all communications confidential.

Students with positive cases of COVID should notify their respective Instructors immediately.