

NTC COVID-19 Guideline for Students

Based on Health Department Recommendations - Updated 10/21/2020

Northcentral Technical College (NTC) cares about our students and their health and safety. Based on health department advice, NTC will follow a symptoms based approach when determining a return to school absent direction from a medical provider. Please call Jordan Schult (715.803.1013) or Rob Elliott (715.803.1383) if you have any questions regarding your learning environment and your health as it relates to COVID. You can also report COVID-19 Information after normal business hours by using the COVID-19 reporting form located in Canvas. You can locate the reporting form by clicking on the help tab located on the Canvas home screen.

Please use the chart below as a guide for required and recommended action steps. In general, students should follow the advice given by their health care provide or the local health department; however, there are certain learning activities that are unique and may require NTC to be more restrictive regarding quarantine and/or self-isolation. These decisions will be made by the Executive Vice President and the Director of Security in consult with the appropriate Dean.

I. Communication:

NTC (Director of Security and Executive Vice President) will contact and work with the local health officials. If COVID-19 close contact is suspected; and the county health department dictates a required communication, faculty, staff and students who were in close contact will be notified by public health while maintaining confidentiality.

II. Terms:

- Quarantine is used to keep someone who might have been exposed to COVID away from others. Someone can spread COVID-19 before they have symptoms; quarantine stops them from accidentally spreading the virus to other healthy people. Usually people who are in quarantine stay at home and avoid being around others.
- Isolation is used to separate people infected with the virus (with or without symptoms) from people who are not infected. This usually means that the sick person rests in their own bedroom or area of your home and keeps away from others as best as possible.
- Close Contact:
 - Had direct physical contact with the person (e.g., hug, kiss, handshake).
 - Were within 6 feet of the person for a total of 15 minutes or more within a 24 hour period.
 - Had contact with the person's respiratory secretions (e.g., coughed/sneezed on, contact with dirty tissue, sharing a drink glass, food or towels or other personal items).
 - Stayed overnight for at least one night in a household with the person.
- Social Distancing: 6 feet or greater

III. The following should be shared with your medical provider: Practices to keep students, employees and visitors safe.

- Masks are required to be worn on all NTC Campuses.
- All students must check in when entering the building to hand sanitize and check temperature.
- Classrooms, offices, and common areas are designed to limit capacity to maintain social distancing. Kitchenettes will continue to be available for limited use for one person at a time.
- Cleaning and disinfection of the College daily. Some spaces and shared equipment being used on a clean in/clean out model. Areas used by employee/student who are experiencing COVID symptoms will receive extra cleaning and disinfecting by College facilities. An outside organization has been retained to complete any necessary cleaning.

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- Visitors are allowed on campus only with a business need to be on campus. Non-essential visitors will not be allowed on campus.
- Children under the age of 2 will not be allowed on campus. Students who would be accompanied on campus by children under the age of 2 will be served virtually. Children over the age of 2 will be required to wear a mask at all times.
- Plexiglas has been placed in all front-facing counter areas and instructor stations.
- Students and Employees are encouraged to stay home if they are sick.
- Each campus location has identified a designated space for students to eat, study individually or in a group.
- Travel increases your chances of getting and spreading COVID-19. Before you travel for nonessential reasons, learn if coronavirus is spreading in your local area or in any of the places you are going. If you still choose to travel, please practice all safety protocols while traveling and once you return.

Situation – Student	What to do	When to physically return to Work/College
If you have multiple COVID symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact your health care provider and discuss the safety protocols at NTC. • Contact Jordan Schult at 715.803.1013 or Rob Elliott at 715.803.1383 to discuss College policies and guidelines. • Contact your faculty members if you are directed to stay home to develop a plan to continue your learning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If exhibiting multiple symptoms, stay home as directed, until the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ At least 10 days must pass from the date of symptom onset and; ○ At least 24 hours must pass since the individual’s last fever (without the use of fever-reducing medications) and; ○ Other symptoms must be improving. • You may have a non-COVID condition and as directed by your health care provider you should stay home until you have not had a fever for 24 hours without using medication to reduce fever.
If you have no symptoms but you are concerned because you may have been exposed (not defined as close contact) to someone with COVID symptoms and/or a positive COVID test. (see below if in your household)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact your health care provider and discuss the safety protocols at NTC. • Contact Jordan Schult at 715.803.1013 or Rob Elliott at 715.803.1383 to discuss College policies and guidelines. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to be on campus and monitor for symptoms.
If you have had close contact to someone with a positive test. (see below if in your household)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact Jordan Schult at 715.803.1013 or Rob Elliott at 715.803.1383 to determine next steps. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay home for 14 days beginning from the last close contact with the individual who tested positive for COVID.
If you have tested positive, with or without symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact your health care provider to discuss the safety protocols at NTC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay at home until at least 10 days have passed from the date of symptom onset, or the date

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact Jordan Schult at 715.803.1013 or Rob Elliott at 715.803.1383 to discuss College policies and guidelines. • Contact your faculty members if you are directed to stay home to develop a plan to continue your learning. 	<p>you took the test; whichever date is later and;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 24 hours have passed since the individual's last fever (without the use of fever-reducing medications)
If you have a positive test in the household in which you live.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact Jordan Schult at 715.803.1013 or Rob Elliott at 715.803.1383 to discuss College policies and guidelines. • Contact your faculty members if you are directed to stay home to develop a plan to continue your learning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay home for 14 days beginning when your household member began their home isolation unless re-exposed or another close contact in your household. • Contact Jordan Schult or Rob Elliott to obtain a return to school date based on continued contact with positive household member.

A listing of free testing sites are available on the Marathon County Health Department website.