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Spring 2023 COVID-19 Guidelines

Dear Students, Faculty, and Staff,

Welcome to Spring 2023!

CSN is committed to the health and safety of our campus communities and public health remains a top priority. As the COVID-19 environment moves towards an endemic phase, CSN will continue to monitor and follow the latest CDC guidelines. At the start of the Spring Semester, CSN is maintaining the following public health protocols:

Report COVID-19 Positive Cases to the CSN Wellness Team

- Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 (home test or lab test), should report to the Wellness Team via the [COVID-19 Reporting Form Link](#). Those who test positive will be asked to isolate at home for five days followed by five additional days of mask wearing on campus.
- The Wellness team will continue assisting students with communicating COVID-19 situations to on-campus instructors so that arrangements can be made for short-term COVID absences.
- Individuals who are exposed to COVID-19 are no longer advised to quarantine based on the [latest CDC guidance](#), however, individuals can still report exposures to wellness@csn.edu. The Wellness Team is available to provide guidance on precautionary next steps. Currently, the CDC recommends exposed individuals wear a mask for 10 days, get tested five days after exposure, and monitor symptoms for 10 days.

Daily Health Self-Assessment

- There are multiple respiratory viruses that are currently co-circulating in our area including COVID-19, flu, RSV, and the common cold.
- Before coming to campus, we ask that each member of the CSN community monitor themselves for respiratory symptoms, stay home when sick, watch for worsening symptoms, and seek medical care if symptoms become severe or do not improve.
- Individuals who have respiratory illness symptoms should test for COVID-19. The Whitehouse recently authorized four additional free at-home tests for U.S. households. Tests can be ordered at: www.COVIDTests.gov. Free COVID-19 testing is also available on our campuses (schedule is listed below).
- Those who test positive for COVID-19 should report to Wellness and follow [CDC Isolation Guidance](#). Those who test negative can return to campus when fever-free for at least 24



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hours without the use of fever-reducing medications and feeling well enough to participate in routine activities, or at direction of their healthcare provider. Contact wellness@csn.edu with questions about returning to campus after an illness.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Supplies

- Anyone who chooses to wear a mask on campus is welcome to do so. High-quality masks are an effective tool in reducing the spread of the COVID-19 and other respiratory viruses spread through airborne droplets, especially indoors.
- Masks may be required inside healthcare clinical areas such as the Dental Faculty Practice and ASI Inc. and may change based on current CDC community COVID-19 transmission levels (i.e., low, medium, or high). Refer to signage at clinic entrances or inquire with the clinical staff regarding mask requirements. At this time, masks are required at all times inside Southern Nevada Health District testing/vaccination sites.
- COVID-19 related PPE and supplies are still available to departments via the online [PPE Ordering System](#). Supplies include cleaning products, masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer. Free masks are available to students at the student government desks. Hand sanitizing stations have been installed near building entrances and will remain available and stocked.

Vaccines and Testing

- COVID-19 vaccines and boosters are not required of students, faculty, or staff, but all individuals are encouraged to stay up to date on vaccinations. COVID-19 vaccines are the safest, most effective means of protecting yourself from serious illness and hospitalization. The Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD) continues to provide free vaccines and testing on campus at CSN.
- **COVID-19 Vaccines and Boosters** (North Las Vegas and Charleston only)
Monday – Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Vaccines are provided on a walk-in basis only.
 - In addition to COVID-19 vaccines, SNHD is also currently offering the flu shot and the MPOX vaccine for eligible recipients.
- **COVID-19 Testing** (All 3 Main Campuses)
Monday – Thursday 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Appointments can be made at the SNHD [testing website](#). Walk-in appointments are also accepted.

Additional information is available at <https://www.csn.edu/student-life/covid19>. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact wellness@csn.edu.

Have a successful, enjoyable, and healthy semester!