



**August 25, 2023**

## **Fall 2023 COVID-19 Guidelines**

Dear Students, Faculty, and Staff,

Welcome to the Fall 2023 Semester!

COVID-19 is still circulating in Southern Nevada, and CSN Wellness continues to closely monitor any changes and developments related to COVID-19 and its variants that could affect our campuses. This includes working with the Nevada System of Higher Education and other state and local agencies to ensure CSN complies with all applicable COVID-19 guidelines and requirements. At the start of the Fall 2023 Semester, CSN is maintaining the following public health protocols:

### **Prevention**

- CSN Wellness urges everyone to get fully vaccinated and receive a booster shot when eligible – it is the best defense against COVID-19. Vaccines are safe, effective, widely available, and often free. To learn more about COVID-19 vaccinations, visit the [Southern Nevada Health District \(SNHD\) COVID-19](#) website.
- Frequently wash hands with soap and water for a minimum of 20 seconds. Use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol in absence of soap and water and avoid touching your face.
- COVID-19 PCR testing remains available at the North Las Vegas and West Charleston campuses Monday – Thursday 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Appointments can be made at the [Southern Nevada Health District \(SNHD\) COVID-19 testing](#) website. Walk-in appointments are also accepted.

### **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Supplies**

- COVID-19 related PPE and supplies are still available for departments via the online [PPE Ordering System](#) while supplies last. Items available include cleaning products, masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer. Hand sanitizing stations will remain stocked available at building entrances and near elevators.
- Masks or face coverings are not required on CSN campuses, pursuant to Nevada law. There may be exceptions for clinical or healthcare settings, and we encourage employees, students, and visitors to follow posted guidelines regarding mask usage in these facilities.
- Some members of the college community and visitors may choose to wear masks while on campus, and we ask that you continue to exhibit kindness, understanding, and tolerance toward one another – regardless of the personal decision to wear, or not wear, one. Complimentary face coverings are available at the student government desks.



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## COVID-19 Positive Cases and Exposures

- If you are sick with respiratory symptoms, you should test for COVID-19 (home test or lab test). If you test positive for COVID-19, stay home and follow the advice from your healthcare provider and/or CDC guidelines.
- Students who test positive should work with their instructors on short-term arrangements to stay on track. Please do not come to campus with an active case of COVID-19. Return to campus when cleared by a healthcare professional, or after following the proper CDC guidelines. Students who require longer-term accommodations should contact the [Disability Resource Center](#) (DRC).
- Faculty and staff who test positive for COVID-19 should notify their supervisor, department chair, or dean. Please do not come to work with an active case of COVID-19. Return to work when cleared by a healthcare professional, or after following the proper CDC guidelines. Employees will be required to use sick time for COVID-related leave or to care for their household members.
- Individuals who are exposed to COVID-19 are no longer advised to quarantine based on the latest CDC guidance. If you're not experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, you can come to campus after exposure. The CDC recommends that exposed individuals wear a mask for 10 days, get tested 5 days after exposure, and monitor for symptoms for 10 days.
- CSN Wellness is not collecting positive case reports or tracking individual cases on campus at this time. The team will continue to support the CSN community and provide guidance. If you have questions regarding COVID-19 or need assistance with determining your return to campus timeline after a positive test, please contact [wellness@csn.edu](mailto:wellness@csn.edu).
- Additional COVID-19 and public health information is available at the Wellness Webpage [www.csn.edu/wellness](http://www.csn.edu/wellness).

Have a safe, healthy, and successful fall semester!