Southeastern Oklahoma State University

CAMPUS COVID PLAN
FALL 2022

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Introduction

Southeastern Community,

I want to thank each and every one of you for your efforts in ensuring that the last year at Southeastern proceeded as smoothly as possible under such challenging circumstances. Your understanding, flexibility, and dedication to your job is what made the difference as we experienced the highest enrollment in the history of the school, even in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The University will welcome back our students, faculty, and staff for the Fall 2022 semester with classes beginning on August 22, 2022. In preparation, we have created a campus covid plan for the fall to continue to promote health and safety, while minimizing the risk of exposure to COVID-19.

We will remain flexible as we monitor the virus' impact on our campus, and at the community, state, national, and international levels. We will keep you updated and informed on a timely basis if any changes need to made in the plan.

As we return to campus this fall, the health and safety of students, faculty and staff, especially of vulnerable individuals, is our top priority. Thank you for your continued cooperation as we emerge from this challenging time together.

Dr. Thomas Newsom
President

General Practices

This University has many responsibilities, one of which is to provide students, faculty, staff, and visitors with as safe an environment as possible. In doing so, during this unprecedented and ever-changing time, certain policies and procedures have been implemented to protect our campus community which will be in effect until further notice, and we all are expected to comply with them as directive from the leadership of this University.

Face Coverings

While Southeastern Oklahoma State University does not require masks in campus buildings or on campus, the University is a "Mask Friendly" campus.

Under Oklahoma Executive Order 2021-16, Oklahoma state agencies, which includes Southeastern Oklahoma State University, are barred from requiring a mask or COVID-19 vaccination as a condition of being allowed to enter a state building or office.
Executive Order 2021-16 states:

- "On or before June 1, 2021, all buildings and office space, owned or leased by the State of Oklahoma and open to the public shall rescind any mandate for the wearing of masks in order to receive government services.
- By the terms of this Executive Order, all state agencies are hereby prohibited from requiring a vaccination against COVID-19 as a condition of admittance to any public building."

Additionally, in accordance with Oklahoma Senate Bill 658, effective July 1, 2021, Southeastern Oklahoma State University may not (in part):

- "Implement a mask mandate for students who have not been vaccinated against COVID-19."

While Southeastern does not require face coverings on campus the Centers for Disease Control has issued the following recommendations: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html

Unvaccinated individuals are strongly encouraged to continue wearing masks inside Southeastern facilities. Any vaccinated person who wishes to mask indoors or outdoors may freely do so.

Vaccinations

In accordance with Oklahoma state law, Southeastern Oklahoma State University does not require vaccination for COVID-19.

Oklahoma Senate Bill 658, effective July 1, 2021, Southeastern Oklahoma State University may not:

- "Require a vaccination against Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) as a condition of admittance to or attendance of the school or institution;
- Require a vaccine passport as a condition of admittance to or attendance of the school or institution; or
- Implement a mask mandate for students who have not been vaccinated against COVID-19."

The University strongly encourages the entire Southeastern community to get vaccinated and is offering vaccines free of charge on campus to all community members through the State Health Department at regular intervals.

Personal Daily Symptom Screening

Each member of the University community is asked to complete the daily symptom screening to help monitor their personal health and to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. This screening should be conducted daily before reporting to campus and should include a review of symptoms found at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html.

Reporting Illness or Exposure

We recognize that the situation regarding the coronavirus is causing worry and anxiety for all of us in the University community, especially related to:

- Concerns you have been exposed to the disease
- You have symptoms of COVID-19
- A colleague or classmate has been tested
- You have tested positive for COVID-19
- Uncertain of situations that require guidance

If an employee, colleague, or student reports that they have tested positive for COVID-19 or have symptoms of COVID-19, they should follow the steps listed below:

1. Have that person complete the SE Illness Reporting form at: https://form.jotform.com/201426138264046, or complete the form on their behalf.

2. Contact your primary health provider and begin self-quarantine. **DO NOT COME TO CAMPUS** until cleared by staff assisting with reporting process once the reporting form completed.

Isolation and Quarantine

- Individuals who have active symptoms and/or have tested positive for COVID-19 will need to isolate.

- Individuals who have had direct contact with someone exhibiting symptoms, or someone having been diagnosed with COVID-19, are now **recommended** to wear a high-quality mask for 10 days and get tested on day 5.

- Student Health Services will help determine the appropriate use of isolation for members of the University community. Use the SE Illness Reporting form at https://form.jotform.com/201426138264046 to begin the process for assistance.

- Students living in University housing who need to isolate will need to make arrangements to evacuate to a pre-determined off-campus location. For residential students who have no alternate options, a limited number of isolation rooms will be made available by the University with support and care.

- Learn more about isolation and quarantine by visiting www.se.edu/quarantine.

- For more CDC guidelines and information, visit www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.

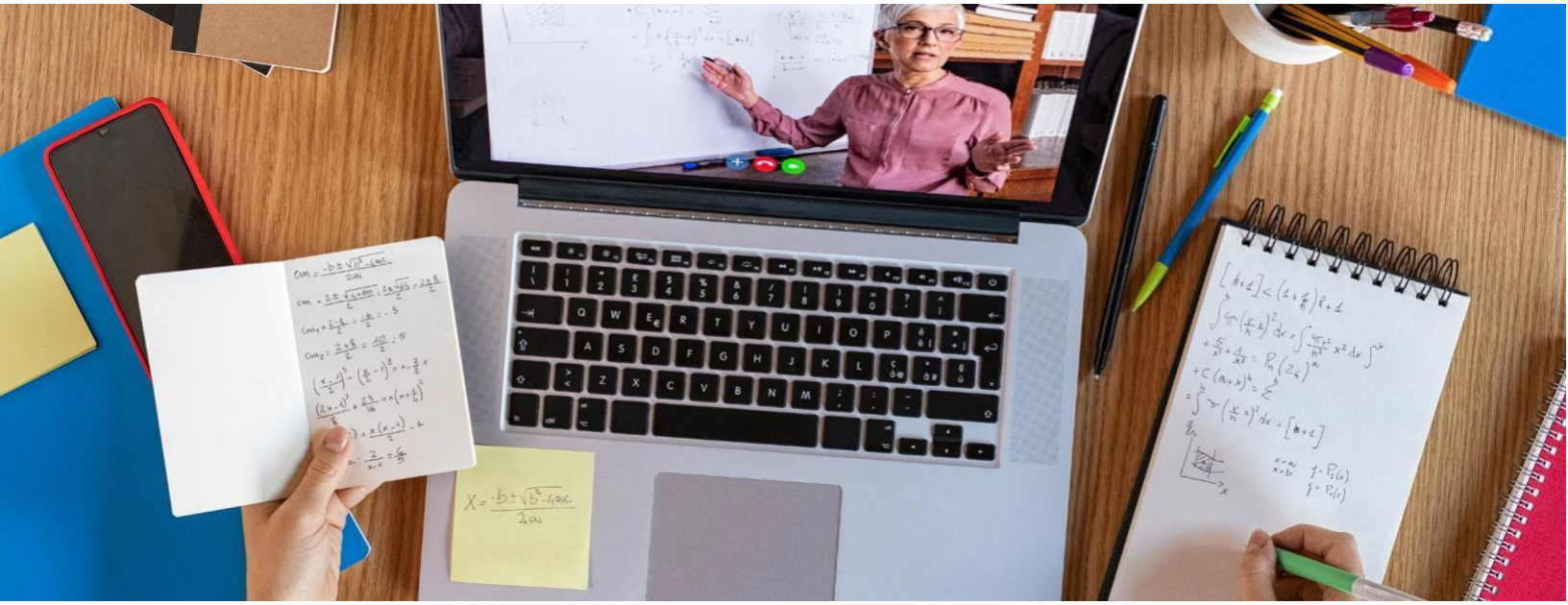
If Necessary - Plans for Remote/Online Delivery

Southeastern students, faculty, and staff should be aware that if the University for health and safety reasons has to modify delivery method, there may be a need for on-site classes to be converted to an online/remote format; whether this happens or not, pre-planning is necessary. Students should plan ahead to ensure they have access to computer equipment (either PC, MAC, or tablet), webcam, and internet connectivity to continue their classes in an online/remote format.

- Students are asked to be aware of all official Southeastern student emails as the transition, if necessary, from on-site to online/remote, might require a reorganization in the student's situation.

- If this transition occurs during the semester, students will be granted a 72 -hour transition and grace period. Existing online classes will continue as scheduled without disruption. If this plan becomes necessary, the University will communicate additional details.

- Students who needed to stay/return to campus would be allowed to remain in the residence halls for the normal length of the semester for any remaining housing needs, including for those more voluntary activities like athletics, aviation training, and commencement ceremonies (assuming such activities are continuing). Residents will be required to abide by any additional safety measures imposed upon their return from any scheduled holiday or break.



Additional Guidance

Staying Informed

- Students, faculty, and staff should check their official SE e-mail regularly for important messages and updates.

- Updated information about procedures, guidelines, and announcements are accessible at www.se.edu/coronavirus on the webpage.

Enforcement of Guidelines

The guidelines set forth in this plan and supporting documents are in addition to those policies, procedures, and practices set forth in the Student Code of Conduct, Employee Handbook, and the Academic Policies and Procedure Manual. This University has many responsibilities, one of which is to provide students, faculty, staff, and visitors with as safe an environment as possible. In doing so, during this unprecedented and ever-changing time, certain policies and procedures have been implemented to protect our campus community which will be in effect until further notice, and we all are expected to comply with them as directive from the leadership of this University.

Employees and students who refuse to comply with the guidelines and policies included in Southeastern's Campus Covid Plan Fall 2022 are subject to disciplinary action, in accordance with the applicable faculty, staff, or student handbook policy. If an employee or student indicates compliance is not possible due to medical reasons, the individual should be referred to the Disability Services Office.

Helpful Links/Websites

COVID-19 Home Page

www.se.edu/coronavirus

Policies

Face Covering policy	www.se.edufacecoveringpolicy
Syllabi statement for 72-hour transition	www.se.edu/transition

Procedures

COVID-19 quarantine and isolation procedures	www.se.edu/quarantine

Other Resources

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus
www.acha.org
coronavirus.health.ok.gov