

Wallace Community College

Dothan-Eufaula

Health and Safety Protocols

To comply with Governor Kay Ivey's *Safer at Home Order* while also providing instructional services to our students, Wallace Community College will be implementing specific health and safety protocols until the *Order* expires or until additional guidance is received.

Our expectation is that every individual on our College's campuses and locations—faculty, staff, students, vendors, or other visitors—will follow the College's health and safety protocols.

As of now, those required protocols include the following:

1. Face Coverings

- Face coverings **are strongly encouraged** to be worn while on campus during in-person instruction and any face-to-face interactions.
- Face coverings should cover the nose, mouth, and chin areas.

2. Physical Distancing

- Maintain physical distance (at least six feet) at all times, indoors or out (including in elevators, on stairways, in lines, etc.); and
- Adapt work (office/lab arrangements) to fulfill the purpose of physical distancing.

3. Hygiene

- Wash hands thoroughly (at least 20 seconds, with soap and water);
- Apply hand sanitizer regularly, especially after coming in contact with “high-touch” areas (doors, elevator buttons, stair railings, public counters, etc.);
- Regularly disinfect your personal high-touch areas (desks, counters, phones, door and drawer handles, etc.);
- Follow **CDC guidelines** for care and handling of the cloth face covering; and
- Dispose of tissues immediately after use.

4. Concern for the Health of Others on Campus

- Members of the College community should check their temperatures before reporting to campus;
- Members of the campus community should **NOT** come to campus if they
 - Have a fever of 100.4 degrees or above;
 - Are experiencing any of the **other symptoms of COVID-19** (these include shortness of breath, chills, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell); or
 - Have been exposed to someone diagnosed with COVID-19, tested for COVID-19, or with symptoms of COVID-19.
- Employees should notify their supervisors immediately of any symptoms or exposure.

- Personnel in the College community with influence over others (administrators, supervisors, faculty, advisors, etc.) should ensure the following:
 - All of those over whom they have influence follow social distancing guidelines when in their office, lab, or other College space;
 - Those with symptoms of or potential exposure to COVID-19 know they should not come to campus for fourteen (14) days ;
 - If any symptoms are apparent at work, send the individual home immediately; and
 - Students with significant concerns regarding their own health do not feel coerced into coming to campus.

5. Student Information

- Students shall sign waivers indemnifying the postsecondary institution of any legal action as a result of participating in in-person instruction.
- Students who voluntarily decide not to participate in in-person instruction during this public health emergency shall not face any disciplinary action under the normal procedures of the postsecondary institution. However, students will be governed by the College's policies and procedures regarding make-up work, course completion and resolution of Incomplete ("I") grades.
- Communication will be provided to each student about the opportunity for make-up of in-person labs, clinicals, certifications, testing and other coursework under the conditions set forth by the College and the timeframe for completing the instruction.

6. All in the campus community should do the following:

- Regularly review College's COVID-19 website at https://www.wallace.edu/about_wcc/coronavirus_information.aspx
- Regularly review the additional information available through these links:

<https://governor.alabama.gov/assets/2020/05/Safer-at-Home-Order-FINAL-5.21.2020.pdf>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/colleges-universities/considerations.html>

<https://covid19.alabama.gov/>