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## **COVID-19**

NCC is closely monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic with the first priority being the health, safety and security of students, faculty, and staff. Students should monitor their health and will be required to check their temperature daily. Facial personal protective equipment (PPE) are currently required while on the NCC campus. Up to date information can be found at this web address: <https://www.northampton.edu/coronavirus.htm>.

Students, Faculty and Staff are required to follow the protocols in place while on campus which include, not only PPE but also social distancing, wearing NCC ID, using the designated building entrances and exits, following the direction of travel indicated for halls and stairwells, as well as abiding by room capacity limitations. The Health Check feature on the NCCGo app must be used, and authorization granted, prior to coming onto campus and reporting for clinical rotations.

Students who have had a high risk exposure to a Covid positive person may be required to be tested and self-quarantine. Guidelines related to mandatory quarantine currently include travel from a variety of states. Students who travel to areas with high prevalence of Covid should contact their program director and nurse at NCC's Health and Wellness Center upon return and may be required to self-quarantine. Refer to current Pennsylvania travel information at this address: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Travelers.aspx>

Students should contact the nurse at NCC's Health and Wellness Center at 610-861-5365 and also consult with their health care provider if there has been any potential exposure or if they are symptomatic.

**Clinical Rotations:** The guidelines for PPE differ slightly at each clinical site and students are required to follow the policy of their location. Students found to be out of compliance with the PPE guidelines will be removed from their clinical site for the remainder of that day and the hours will need to be made up. Any continuing infractions will result in escalating corrective actions. The Health Check feature on the NCCGo app must be used, and authorization granted, prior to reporting for clinical rotations. The standard call-out procedure must be followed if access is not granted.

## **COVID-19 Related Scheduling Changes**

Northampton Community College has announced its plans to open for the Fall semester, offering classes in a variety of flexible formats that include on-site, online and hybrid courses (combination of onsite and online). These formats are designed to give students more control of their learning, while placing an emphasis on health and safety practices to prevent spread of COVID-19.

Some online courses will meet regularly at set scheduled times each week, while others are self-paced with weekly milestones allowing students to access classes online whenever best suits their

schedules. Important student services, such as tutoring, counseling, and other functions, will be offered both onsite and online this Fall.

**Radiography:** For the Fall semester, the Program will hold the lecture courses in an online format. Students will be on campus only during their assigned lab hours or during open lab practice times which must be scheduled using SignUpGenius. Lab capacity during Instructor led lab sessions and open practice times are limited.

There are no additional course fees involved with online coursework but students are required to have appropriate technology available to participate. The College will loan the necessary technology to students who require webcams, laptops etc. for no additional cost and provides technical support if needed. <https://www.northampton.edu/coronavirus/support-and-faqs/online-learning-setup-guide.htm>

The Spring semester may need to be scheduled, as in the Fall, using an online format for lecture courses. This will be based on the Covid situation. Ideally, we hope to be able to move back to in-person classes in January. If so, due to distancing requirements and reduced room capacity, we will require each course to be split into two sections. The additional courses will require scheduling changes which will be determined closer to the start of the semester.

### **Online Learning Information**

The NCC website provides up to date information regarding the College's wide range of resources and expertise related to online education.

<https://www.northampton.edu/academics/online-classes.htm>