

Suggested Syllabus Statements/Canvas Course Announcements

College Policies Related to COVID-19

With the help of local health officials, the Center for Disease Control (CDC), and the input of our students, faculty, and staff, HCC has created a reopening plan to help ensure the safety of us all. We are in this together, as one college, Hawk Strong! You can review the reopening plan by visiting the website, which can be accessed at <https://www.hccfl.edu/support-services/public-safety/back-campus>.

Five Key Actions and Precautions

1. **Social distancing.** This includes staying at least 6 feet apart from other people and not gathering in groups or crowds
2. **Wearing a mask.** HCC requires all faculty, staff, and students to wear a mask/ face covering while on college property.
3. **Hand washing.** Frequently wash your hands with soap and water for 20-30 seconds, or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
4. **Cleaning surfaces.** Clean and disinfect high-touch, high-traffic surface areas regularly.
5. **Staying home if you are sick or instructed to isolate/ quarantine.** If you are sick or believe you have been exposed to an infected person, please stay home.

Masks

For the safety of all students, faculty, and staff, HCC requires everyone to wear a mask while on college property. Additionally, we follow the CDC guidelines for social distancing and have limited the number of people in classrooms, offices, and common areas.

Students are encouraged to bring their own. However, we have a supply available for individuals who arrive on campus without one. Mask distribution sites and mobile temperature stations are located throughout the campus. You can find your campus location by visiting the HCC COVID website, which you can access at <https://www.hccfl.edu/support-services/public-safety/back-campus/covid-campus-point-persons-and-kiosks>. If you have questions about the kiosk locations, consult your instructor or Dean's Office.

HCC students and employees who choose not to comply with HCC guidelines or otherwise do not comply with requirements for safely being on campus or at any College location will be directed by Public Safety to leave the area immediately, and in addition, may be subject to disciplinary action. The requirement to wear a mask will be enforced under the Student Code of Conduct.

If you have an existing health condition or disability that prohibits the wearing of a mask, and where no other form of personal protective face covering or equipment is suitable based on

your health condition, you may contact your campus Disability Services office to discuss the process of providing medical documentation and being provided with a policy exemption letter.

Social Distancing

Social distancing is be required on campus. Social distancing is a public health practice that aims to prevent sick people from coming in close contact with healthy people in order to reduce opportunities for disease transmission. HCC classrooms and common areas have been modified to allow for physical distancing. Be sure to remain 6 feet apart from other individuals when on campus.

Hawk Tracing

Due to the high transmission rate of COVID-19 among pre-symptomatic individuals, it is inevitable that someone who has the virus may be on campus or at an HCC site, and later learn that they were infected. In these cases, the protocol for Hawk Tracing will be implemented whenever HCC learns that a person who has been on an HCC campus or site has tested positive for COVID-19.

The college has a defined procedure for handling anyone that might test positive for the coronavirus and a designated point person for handling the procedure. If you or someone you know at one of our campuses tests positive for COVID-19, please contact the campus COVID coordinator. They will know what to ask, who needs to know, how to report, and who receives the reports. The coordinator will also manage what area(s) must be quarantined, if any, as well as what area(s) would need special cleaning. You can find the campus COVID Coordinator point person by visiting the HCC COVID website at <https://www.hccfl.edu/support-services/public-safety/back-campus/covid-campus-point-persons-and-kiosks>.

If you do not feel safe coming to campus for your classes, you are encouraged to register for online classes and to take advantage of the HCC online services.