



## Definitions used in the discussion of the COVID-19 Pandemic

### Asymptomatic

Showing no symptoms of disease even though they are infected with the virus.

### Cleaning

Removing dust, debris, dirt, and germs from a surface by scrubbing, washing, and rinsing. (The germ is still alive and active, but you have removed it from the surface.)

### Contact Tracing\*

The process of identifying, assessing, and managing people who have been exposed to a contagious disease to prevent onward transmission.

*\*All contact tracing and interactions with those affected will be performed by Richland Public Health (RPH).*

### Coronavirus

A family of viruses that cause illness ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases. The novel coronavirus discovered in December 2019 causes COVID-19.

### COVID-19

Name of the disease caused by the novel coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2, and is short for "Coronavirus Disease 2019".

### Direct Contact

Anyone who has been within 6 feet of a person infected with the virus for a prolonged period of time (we usually use 15 minutes or more as our definition of prolonged period of time), or has had direct contact with the infected person's secretions.

### Disinfecting

Using chemicals to eliminate/kill germs to lower the risk of spreading infection. (Disinfecting kills disease-causing germs (except bacterial spores). It does not necessarily mean that the dirt, debris and germs are removed from the surface – but the germs are killed. A key difference between sanitizing and disinfecting is the type of chemical used and the length of time the chemical is left on a surface. Follow label instructions to ensure proper disinfection.)

### Isolation

Separating sick people with a contagious disease from those who are not sick.

### Quarantine

Separating and restricting the movement of people exposed (or potentially exposed) to a contagious disease to see if symptoms develop and preventing possible further spread of disease.

### RPH

Richland Public Health

### Sanitizing

Using chemicals to reduce the bacteria levels to decrease the risk of infections. (May not kill all viruses but lowers the number.)

### Symptomatic

Showing symptoms of disease. The current, most common symptoms of COVID-19 include: cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, and new loss of taste or smell.

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## Welcome to North Central State College,

Since the middle of March, everyone at NC State has been working to meet the educational needs of our students while maintaining the safety of everyone. This document brings together our work to continue these efforts as we move forward into Fall Semester 2020.

We continue to monitor the guidelines and recommendations from the Governor, the Ohio Department of Health, and have worked with the Richland Public Health Department to prepare our facilities to reopen safely.

While some things are changing, our commitment to provide support for you as you continue toward your goals will not change. Continue with your efforts to learn, strive to succeed, and I know your persistence will pay off.

Thank you for your effort, and for joining us at North Central State College.

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## Expectations for the learning environment beginning Fall 2020:

- Whenever possible, classes will be taught in a distance learning format.
- Today's distance learning courses more closely resemble the classroom – allowing interaction with your classmates and your instructors.
- You will have access to advising, tutoring, financial aid, student records, admissions, career services both online and in person. We encourage you to reach out via phone and email first to see if your needs can be met without meeting face-to-face. However, we have made plans to meet with students in person using safe protocols for those meetings.
- Similarly, instructors will provide opportunities to meet one-on-one remotely, or in-person if necessary, to assist you in your studies.

- Keep classroom doors open whenever possible.
- Don't share classroom materials.
- Water fountains are closed. Bring your own water with you.

## Hands-on learning environment:



- Many programs at NC State require laboratory work, and clinical experiences. We have prepared lab spaces to accommodate students safely, building physical barriers between work stations in some labs, and increasing space between students in other areas.
- You will be required to wear masks while in laboratory settings.
- Hand sanitizer and/or hand washing stations will be provided for your use upon entering and before exiting the laboratories.
- Instructors will disinfect any work stations used between classes.
- Deep cleaning of all laboratory spaces will occur every evening.



## Before coming to campus:

- Be aware of your personal health, especially if you have flu-like symptoms—fever, chills, or sore throat.
- If you are sick, stay home.
- If you have traveled outside Ohio to a Level 3 country ([www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notices.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notices.html)), or a domestic hotspot for COVID-19 (<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/families-and-individuals/covid-19-travel-advisory/covid-19-travel-advisory>), please fill out and submit an expanded form at <https://ncstatecollege.edu/health-travel-information/>

## When students, faculty and staff arrive on campus each day:

- You will be required to enter through a single door for each NC State Building
  - “A1” at Fallerius
  - “A1” at Byron Kee
  - A2” at Kehoe Center
  - “A1” at Health Science (“C1” for faculty at Health Sciences)
  - “B1” at the Crawford Success Center.
- Upon entering, your temperature will be taken.
- You will be required to wear a face mask.
- You will be asked a series of travel and health screening questions.
- If you complete the health screening successfully, you will be given a wrist band that will need to be worn for the rest of the day. This visual will signify that you have been screened, however, your temperature will be taken each time you enter a building.
- If you answer yes to any of these questions, or if your temperature is above 100.4° F, you will be asked to fill out and submit an expanded form at <https://ncstatecollege.edu/health-travel-information/>



## Behind the scenes – NC State's Facilities Team is working to ensure the safety of all:

- All health screeners are trained to ensure consistency and accuracy.
- Signage and physical barriers have been installed and are maintained as necessary to provide safe spaces and guidance for everyone.
- Consumables, including hand sanitizer and other cleaning supplies are refilled each day.
- Each night, all public spaces are cleaned using solutions similar to those used in hospital settings.
- If you see anything that requires attention, please ask your instructor or supervisor to contact the Facilities Manager.

## On-Campus food service available from the Marketplace:

Beginning this fall, students who wish to purchase food from the Marketplace in Eisenhower will be encouraged to order using the GrubHub app. Download the app to your smartphone and choose “OSU Mansfield”. Food will be delivered through the window in the Marketplace.

### Our efforts to maintain safety are fluid:

*This document is a snapshot of the planning to date and the protocols in place to reopen North Central State College safely for our faculty, staff and students. These guidelines will be reviewed regularly, and may be updated or changed in response to recommendations from the Governor's office, the Ohio Department of Health or the Richland Public Health (RPH) Department.*

*We wish to thank RPH for their assistance in preparing, and reviewing, this plan and its implementation thus far.*