Student Return to Campus Plan

FSCJ Florida State College at Jacksonville

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Your Classes

Because we care about you and your safety, many classes and College offices continue to operate semi-remotely.

For classes that have scheduled onsite instruction, it is possible that class meetings could convert to an “online” or “live online” format. It is important that you stay in close contact with your instructors and check your FSCJ student email regularly for the latest updates and information. Click on the orange button to the right to learn more about the different class types.

Personal Safety

The CDC has shared guidance with regard to how COVID-19 is spread and it is important that we all adhere to this information and their recommendations.

Respiratory viruses are transmitted in multiple ways. Infections with respiratory viruses are principally transmitted through three modes: contact, droplet and airborne.

- **Contact transmission** is infection spread through direct contact with an infectious person (e.g., touching during a handshake) or with an article or surface that has become contaminated.
- **Droplet transmission** is infection spread through exposure to virus-containing respiratory droplets (i.e., larger and smaller droplets and particles) exhaled by an infectious person through coughing, sneezing, talking, breathing or singing. Transmission is most likely to occur when someone is close to the infectious person, generally within about six feet. Droplet transmission consists of exposure to larger droplets, smaller droplets and particles when a person is close to an infected person.
- **Airborne transmission** is infection spread through exposure to those virus-containing respiratory droplets comprised of smaller droplets and particles that can remain suspended in the air over long distances (usually greater than six feet) and time (typically hours). Airborne transmission consists of exposure to smaller droplets and particles at greater distances or over longer times.

Most infectious disease and public health experts reserve the term “airborne” specifically for use in the context of airborne transmission to describe infections capable of being transmitted through exposure to infectious, pathogen-containing, small droplets and particles suspended in the air over long distances and that persist in the air for long times.

For instance, “close contact” refers to transmission that can happen by either contact or droplet transmission while a person is within about six feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to test specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated, per the CDC.

Health experts indicate some infections can be transmitted at close range, they are also efficiently and frequently transmitted over longer distances (i.e., more than six feet) or over longer times (i.e., to people passing through an air space in which the infectious person was present minutes to hours earlier).

Prevention of COVID-19 by airborne transmission

Existing interventions to prevent the spread of COVID-19 appear sufficient to address transmission both through close contact and under the special circumstances favorable to potential airborne transmission. Among these interventions, which include social distancing, use of masks in the community, hand hygiene, and surface cleaning and disinfection, ventilation and avoidance of crowded indoor spaces are especially relevant for enclosed spaces where circumstances can increase the concentration of suspended small droplets and particles carrying infectious virus.
COVID-19 Policies and Procedures for Students

As we return to campus, all students will be required to take the following safety measures:

- Conduct daily self-screening before reporting to campus. You must be free of ANY recent or unexplained symptoms potentially related to COVID-19. At this time, these symptoms include one or more of the following:
  - New or worsening cough (not related to allergies)
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Fever (Temperature above 100.4°F)
  - Chills or repeated shaking with chills
  - Runny nose or sinus congestion (not related to allergies)
  - Unexplained muscle pain
  - Headache
  - Sore throat (not related to allergies)
  - Unexplained Fatigue
  - Nausea or vomiting
  - Diarrhea
  - Loss of taste or smell

FSCJ has launched a COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool which will allow all students, faculty and staff to monitor their daily health as they prepare to come onto campus. The assessment tool can be found within the FSCJ Safe mobile app. All students, faculty and staff are encouraged to utilize this tool to answer a short series of questions before visiting one of our campuses, centers or offices, as your responses will create personalized guidance to help you decide whether or not you should. If you are unable to use the tool, the daily self-screening can be completed by following these steps.

- Wear a face mask/covering at all times, including during class, when receiving services in any College office, or in any common area. Face masks may be removed in the classroom only when manufactured Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is required. Students who do not comply with mask or social distancing policies may be asked to leave the classroom or area and could be referred through the Conduct referral system to meet with a member of the Student Support Services team for further discussion. Masks are required even if you have received the COVID-19 vaccine.

  - You will be responsible for procuring and cleaning your own face masks/coverings.
  - For convenience, the campus bookstores will carry masks for purchase. You are not required to use masks from the bookstore, however, your masks/ face coverings must comply with CDC guidance.
  - Any decorations on the material used to make or decorate a mask must comply with the code of conduct standards and should not contain offensive language; drug, alcohol, or tobacco use; sexual images; or violent or racist images.
  - Face masks/coverings are meant to protect the larger population by reducing the amount of potentially infectious respiratory droplets in the air from asymptomatic people who may be carrying the virus. They are not intended to specifically protect the individuals wearing them from becoming ill.

Based on guidance of health authorities, the following are not acceptable face coverings: neck gaiters, open-chin triangle bandanas, and face coverings containing valves, mesh material or holes of any kind.

Please note: It is understood that there may be legitimate medical reasons or ADA issues that would inhibit a student or employee from wearing a face covering. Student Services or Human Resources may require documentation in order to make reasonable accommodations for those situations.
COVID-19 Policies and Procedures for Students

• For your personal safety, maintain a distance of at least six feet between yourself and other people at all times whenever possible. The mask or face covering is not a substitute for social distancing.
• Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, sneezing or touching your face. If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Hand sanitizer may be available at various locations around our campuses and centers.
• Adhere to proper coughing and sneezing hygiene. Remember to always cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow. Then throw used tissues in the trash. Immediately wash your hands or use hand sanitizer.
• Follow all posted building, room, space and elevator occupancy limitations.

If you become symptomatic and/or receive a positive test result for COVID-19, you should:
• Report the test results and/or symptoms/illness using this online form or by calling (904) 633-8233.
• If on campus, leave immediately and seek medical attention as quickly as possible.

You should not return to campus until you meet the following CDC guidelines:
• If you test positive for COVID-19 but have no symptoms, you must not return to campus until receiving clearance from a health care provider.
• If you continue to have no symptoms, you may return after 10 days have passed since the positive test result.
• Depending on your health care provider’s advice and availability of testing, you might get tested again to see if you still have COVID-19. You may return after you receive two negative test results in a row, at least 24 hours apart.

You do NOT need to quarantine if:
• You have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 3 months and recovered as long as you do not develop new symptoms.
• You have been fully vaccinated against the disease within the last three months and show no symptoms.

If you test positive for COVID-19 and were directed to care for yourself at home, you may return to campus under the following conditions:
• At least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication and symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath) have improved; and,
• At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared; or,
• At least two consecutive negative tests for COVID-19.

If you have symptoms of COVID-19, but have not been tested, you may return to campus following CDC guidelines below:
• One full day (24 hours) with no fever; and
• Symptoms have improved; and
• 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

All FSCJ faculty and staff are required to follow similar protocols to maintain the safety of students, the College community and themselves. To review the FSCJ faculty and staff Return to Campus plan, click here.
Our Services – What’s Open and What’s Not

Most services and activities will remain online throughout the Fall Term. Specifics are:

- **General questions**: Most questions or concerns can be answered by contacting us through the Contact Center by emailing welcome@fscj.edu or calling (904) 646-2300.

- **Athletics**: Fitness Centers will remain closed until further notice. Outdoor sporting competitions will take place; indoor ones are delayed until spring. Spectators will not be allowed at any sporting events until further notice.

- **Advising Centers**: Academic Advising services are fully available virtually from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. on Monday – Thursday and 9 a.m.-noon on Friday. For the fastest service, click here to make a virtual appointment or to receive a call back from a staff member.

- **Canvas Support**: Canvas is our system for online learning. If you are having trouble navigating Canvas, visit our website. Find Canvas Support under the Help icon located in the blue global navigation bar. You will find a phone number or link to join a live chat with a Canvas Support representative.

- **Career Services**: All career services are being offered online until further notice. These include resume preparation assistance, interview preparation, career exploration and job and career fairs. For more information, see our calendar of events.

- **Disability Services**: All of the support services that are available during on-campus operations are also available virtually to support all classes until further notice. Students who might have a need for accommodations should refer to Student Support Services.

- **Financial Aid and Emergency Financial Assistance**:
  - **Financial Aid**: Financial Services are fully available virtually from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. on Monday – Thursday and 9 a.m.-noon on Friday. For the fastest service, click here to make a virtual appointment or to receive a call back from a staff member.
  - **Emergency Aid**: If you are in a financial crisis, FSCJ has a number of resources to help. To see whether you might qualify, speak with an academic advisor about one of the following resources: CARES Act, Student Emergency Assistance Fund or Special Needs grants.

- **H.O.P.E. Food Pantry**: The H.O.P.E. Food Pantries will remain closed to walk-in traffic until further notice, however, you may still request food through the website. The staff will work individually with individual students to arrange for food pickup or delivery to central locations.

- **Library and Tutoring Services**: The Library and Learning Commons (LLC) are open for limited services, including ID badges, computer and internet assistance, and library materials. View the schedule or make an appointment. The Cecil Center LLC remains closed. Tutoring services are available online through BrainFuse. Learn more.

- **Bookstores**: Campus Bookstores are open Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Unfortunately, the Nassau Center bookstore remains closed; however, you can order your books online and have them shipped to your home. Learn more.

- **Student Activities and Engagement Opportunities**: Student activities will remain virtual until further notice. During this time, however, many student activities, workshops and meetings are being offered online. Students can learn more about these events through FSCJ’s social media platforms and by viewing our calendar of events.

- **Student Assistance Program**: If you are experiencing difficulty coping with your life situation during this time, remember that FSCJ offers free, confidential assistance through the Student Assistance Program. Services include counseling, legal/financial consultation, information on health and wellness, child care and more. This service may be reached by calling (904) 384-1800 (local), (855) 384-1800 (toll-free) or visit fscj.personaladvantage.com.

- **Student Lounges**: Student lounges will remain closed until further notice.

- **Technical Support**: For help with technical issues, visit help.fscj.edu to search our knowledge base or contact the technical support team directly at (904) 632-3151 or by email at service.desk@fscj.edu.

- **Military and Veterans Services**: The Military and Veterans Service Centers remain closed on campus until further notice, however, veterans and military-connected students may still receive services by signing in for a virtual appointment with a veterans advisor.

- **Wireless Access**: FSCJ offers outdoor wireless access at each of our locations.