

Student Return to Campus Plan

Your Classes

FSCJ will return to more normal operations for Fall Term 2021, with our class schedule closely mirroring the on-the-ground options that were provided in Fall 2019. We will also continue to offer the “Live Online” option that proved to be a successful choice for many students.

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.

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Personal Safety

On May 7, 2021, the CDC released additional guidance with regard to how COVID-19 is spread. With this new information, the importance of maintaining adherence to other guidance factors should be reinforced.

This science brief has been updated to reflect current knowledge about SARS-CoV-2 transmission and reformatted to be more concise:

- Modes of SARS-CoV-2 transmission are now categorized as inhalation of virus, deposition of virus on exposed mucous membranes and touching mucous membranes with soiled hands contaminated with virus.
- All prevention measures that CDC recommends remain effective for these forms of transmission.
- SARS-CoV-2 is transmitted by exposure to infectious respiratory fluids. The principal mode by which people are infected with SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) is through exposure to respiratory fluids carrying infectious virus. Exposure occurs in three principal ways: (1) inhalation of very fine respiratory droplets and aerosol particles, (2) deposition of respiratory droplets and particles on exposed mucous membranes in the mouth, nose or eye by direct splashes and sprays, and (3) touching mucous membranes with hands that have been soiled either directly by virus-containing respiratory fluids or indirectly by touching surfaces with virus on them.
- Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 from inhalation of virus in the air farther than six feet from an infectious source can occur. With increasing distance from the source, the role of inhalation likewise increases. Although infections through inhalation at distances greater than six feet from an infectious source are less likely than at closer distances, the phenomenon has been repeatedly documented under certain preventable circumstances. These transmission events have involved the presence of an infectious person exhaling virus indoors for an extended time (more than 15 minutes and in some cases hours) leading to virus concentrations in the air space sufficient to transmit infections to people more than six feet away, and in some cases to people who have passed through that space soon after the infectious person left.

Per published reports, factors that increase the risk of SARS-CoV-2 infection under these circumstances include:

- Enclosed spaces with inadequate ventilation or air handling within which the concentration of exhaled respiratory fluids, especially very fine droplets and aerosol particles, can build-up in the air space.
- Increased exhalation of respiratory fluids if the infectious person is engaged in physical exertion or raises their voice (e.g., exercising, shouting, singing).
- Prolonged exposure to these conditions, typically more than 15 minutes.

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.**

Get vaccinated. To protect yourself and the health of those around you, FSCJ recommends all who qualify and are able to receive the COVID-19 vaccine to do so.

Go to duval.floridahealth.gov for a complete listing of vaccination sites in your area. The Vaccine Locator tab is in the center of the page. If you choose to make an appointment, visit myvaccine.fl.gov.

Vaccinations

Vaccines are effective at preventing COVID-19 disease, especially severe illness and death.

There are numerous vaccination sites in northeast Florida where anyone, 16 years old and up can be vaccinated.

Children ages 12 and up are eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccine at all state-run sites. A parent/guardian must accompany children.

Go to duval.floridahealth.gov for a complete listing of vaccination sites in your area. The Vaccine Locator tab is in the center of the page. If you choose to make an appointment, visit myvaccine.fl.gov.

Fully vaccinated people can:

- Resume activities without wearing masks or physically distancing, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal or territorial laws, rules and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance
- Resume domestic travel and refrain from testing before or after travel or self-quarantine after travel
- Refrain from testing before leaving the United States for international travel (unless required by the destination) and refrain from self-quarantine after arriving back in the United States
- Refrain from testing following a known exposure, if asymptomatic, with some exceptions for specific settings
- Refrain from quarantine following a known exposure if asymptomatic
- Refrain from routine screening testing if feasible

For now, fully vaccinated people should continue to:

- Get tested if experiencing COVID-19 symptoms
- Follow CDC and health department travel requirements and recommendations

Guidance for unvaccinated people:

- **Wear a mask**
 - ⊗ Everyone 2 years and older should wear masks in public.

- ⊗ Masks should be worn in addition to staying at least 6 feet apart, especially around people who don't live with you.
- ⊗ If someone in your household is infected, people in the household **should take precautions including wearing masks to avoid spread to others.**
- ⊗ Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer before putting on your mask.
- ⊗ Wear your mask over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin.
- ⊗ Fit the mask snugly against the sides of your face, slipping the loops over your ears or tying the strings behind your head.
- ⊗ If you have to continually adjust your mask, it doesn't fit properly, and you might need to find a different mask type or brand.
- ⊗ Make sure you can breathe easily.

Effective February 2, 2021, **masks are required** on planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation traveling into, within, or out of the United States and in U.S. transportation hubs such as airports and stations.

● Stay 6 feet away from others

- ⊗ Inside your home: Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- ⊗ If possible, maintain 6 feet between the person who is sick and other household members.
- ⊗ Outside your home: Put 6 feet of distance between yourself and people who don't live in your household.
- ⊗ Remember that some people without symptoms may be able to spread virus.
- ⊗ **Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arm lengths) from other people.**
- ⊗ Keeping distance from others is especially important for **people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.**

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 a COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool which allows 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**.

FSCJ Safe is a free app, and is available to download on Apple and Android devices. Locate and download the app in Google Play or the App store by searching "FSCJ Safe."



- Following recent guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), FSCJ will continue to encourage wearing masks indoors while on campus, but will no longer require them to be worn by vaccinated individuals effective June 7, 2021. **However, for the health and safety of others, masks are strongly encouraged, especially in rooms or buildings when individuals are in close proximity with one another or when you have not been fully vaccinated.**
 - Masks are encouraged even if you have received the COVID-19 vaccine.
 - 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.

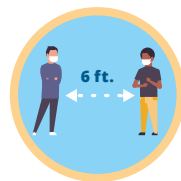
Based on guidance of health authorities, the following are not acceptable face coverings: singlelayer neck gaiters, open-chin triangle bandanas, and face coverings containing valves, mesh material or holes of any kind. Please note: It is understood that there may be legitimate medical reasons or ADA issues that would inhibit an employee from wearing a face covering. Human Resources may require documentation in order to make reasonable accommodations for those situations.

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, you should:

- Get vaccinated. To protect yourself and the health of those around you, FSCJ recommends all who qualify and are able to receive the COVID-19 vaccine to do so. Go to [duval.floridahealth.gov](https://www.duval.floridahealth.gov) for a complete listing of vaccination sites in your area. The Vaccine Locator tab is in the center of the page. If you choose to make an appointment, visit myvaccine.fl.gov.
- 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.
- Do not loiter or congregate in public areas, hallways, work areas, etc.
- FSCJ recommends all who qualify and are able to receive the COVID-19 vaccine to do so.



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.

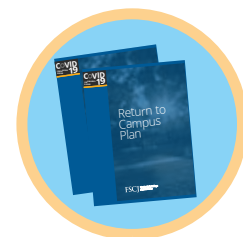
If you have symptoms of COVID-19, but have not been tested, you may return to campus following CDC guidelines below:

- One full day (24 hours) with no fever; and
- Symptoms have improved; and
- 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

The College is working with CMD Outsourcing Solutions (CMD) for the contact tracing process. Emails regarding contact tracing will be sent from fscj_cases@cmdosi.com.

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](#).



Campus offices and services will be open and fully operational as of June 7, 2021.

