



COVID-19
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Mitchell Community College administration continues to work with local and state health officials to monitor the current COVID-19 (Coronavirus) situation. Our number one priority is always the safety and health of our students and employees.

On Wednesday, May 20, Governor Roy Cooper announced North Carolina will enter Phase 2 of the state's reopening plan on Friday, May 22, at 5 p.m. More information can be found in the state's Phase 2 FAQs. (<https://www.nc.gov/covid-19/staying-ahead-curve>).

The College has taken the following procedures during the Governor's Phase II implementation:

General Operations

- **Events**– All College events are canceled through July 31. Information regarding events planned on or after Aug. 1, 2020 will be shared by June 30, 2020.
- **Summer 2020 Courses**–All Summer 2020 courses will be delivered completely online. There are to be no seated classes except those courses previously exempted by the Governor.
- **Fall 2020 Courses**–In an effort to ensure the safety of our students and employees, decisions are still being made regarding the delivery of Fall 2020 courses. Guidance from Governor Roy Cooper, local and state health officials and the North Carolina Community College System will affect course delivery. *Please note: course delivery may change from what is currently listed in WebAdvisor based on this guidance.*
- **Operational Hours**–The College will maintain the operational hours of 9 a.m.–4 p.m. until further notice.

Cleaning and Sanitation Plan

It is our priority at Mitchell Community College to help keep our work and learning environment safe. Daily cleaning, disinfecting and sanitizing are all critical routines to maintain a healthy environment for our students, faculty and staff.



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As we move forward our custodians will increase their daily cleaning responsibilities and disinfecting high touch areas more frequently throughout the workday. These areas will include:

- Door handles,
- Push bars,
- Tables,
- Countertops,
- Desks,
- Chairs,
- Sinks,
- Faucets,
- Toilets,
- Mirrors,
- Water fountains,
- Elevator operation buttons,
- Vending Machines,
- Breakrooms and
- Other areas that have the risk of being a high touch item

Hand Sanitizing Stations have been installed throughout all campus locations in high traffic areas and entrances to our facilities. We are currently installing hand sanitizing stations in all classrooms and plan to be completed by early June.

As additional precaution we will be working with an outside agency that will arrive on campus in June to help enhance our cleaning protocols with a higher level of consistent and thorough disinfection in all of our facilities to include office areas and classrooms.

Procedures for quarantine/self-quarantine and isolation will follow Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidance. The CDC defines quarantine and isolation as:

Quarantine

Quarantine is used to keep someone who might have been exposed to COVID-19 away from others. Quarantine helps prevent spread of disease that can occur before a person knows they are sick or if they are infected with the virus without feeling symptoms. People in quarantine should stay home, separate themselves from others, monitor their health, and follow directions from their state or local health department.



Isolation

Isolation is used to separate people infected with the virus (those who are sick with COVID-19 and those with no symptoms) from people who are not infected. People who are in isolation should stay home until it's safe for them to be around others. In the home, anyone sick or infected should separate themselves from others by staying in a specific "sick room" or area and using a separate bathroom (if available).

How do I know if I need to be in isolation or quarantine?

- If you live in a community where COVID-19 is or might be spreading (currently, that is virtually everywhere in the United States)
- Recently had close contact with a person with COVID-19
- If you:
 - Have been diagnosed with COVID-19, or
 - Are waiting for test results, or
 - Have cough, fever, or shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19
 - If you have recently traveled from somewhere outside of the United States or on a cruise ship or river boat

Full CDC quarantine and isolation information can be found online (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine-isolation.html>).

*****Please note: These are the current cleaning and sanitation plans. This is a rapidly changing situation and these processes are subject to change at any moment.**

Special Accommodations for Vulnerable Populations

As faculty, staff and students return to campus, the Accessibility Committee, led by the 504 and Accessibility Coordinator, will consider and design special accommodations for vulnerable populations and those at higher risk.

The Committee will review considerations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), state and local health officials, determining to what extent modifications can be made to meet the unique needs and circumstances of faculty, staff and students. Implementation



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of special accommodations will be guided by what is feasible, practical, acceptable and tailored to the needs of each individual.

Student Services Assistance

Student Services is available in-person and virtually based on individual student needs. Students are encouraged to call ahead before visiting the campus.

Student Support

If you need support or assistance with non-academic challenges please contact studentsupport@mitchellcc.edu or (704) 878-3281.

Updates

The College will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as needed.

For information previously released, please find our update archive (<https://mitchellcc.edu/COVID-19/archive>).

Changes to College operations will be communicated through Mitchell's **Emergency Notification System** (<https://mitchellcc.edu/emergency-notification>), on the Mitchell Website, on Mitchell social media channels, and through local media outlets.

How You Can Reach Us

If you have a question that is not addressed in our [FAQ \(https://mitchellcc.edu/COVID-19/FAQ\)](https://mitchellcc.edu/COVID-19/FAQ), please complete this [inquiry form \(https://form.jotform.com/200722558933053\)](https://form.jotform.com/200722558933053). We will use the inquiries to help inform additions to the FAQs and future campus updates. During the week, you can expect a response within 24 hours.

******Please note: This information is current as of Monday, June 1, 2020. This is a rapidly changing situation, and College administration is in constant contact with the North Carolina Community College System Office and other state agencies. Any strategy that the College develops is subject to change at any moment.***