Information Item

Summer and Fall 2021 Restart Guidelines

The Summer and Fall 2021 Restart Guidelines update outlined below were developed based on the recommendations provided by the Academic Year (AY) 2021-22 Restart Task Force. The charge for the group was to evaluate various data sets and provide recommendations for Fall 2021 restart, Spring 2022, and Summer 2022 updates.

The Task Force included 20 faculty and staff members representing various constituencies at the College. Faculty representation was 65% (40% Academic/ Transfer faculty and 25% Workforce faculty), and the remaining 35% represented staff. Based on the recommendations received, the following guidelines were finalized and updated based on Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA 36 on May 18, 2021.

Summer and Fall 2021 Restart Guidelines Effective May 19, 2021

- 1. **Social Distancing**: The classrooms return to 100% student capacity, with appropriate social distancing where possible, after considering the latest CDC recommendations.
- 2. **Mask Use**: Complying with Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA 36, Collin College will no longer require the use of masks or facial coverings effective May 19, 2021.
- 3. **Vaccinations**: Collin College plans to continue offering vaccination clinics at different campus locations throughout the summer. College students, employees, and family members have the opportunity to receive the two doses of available vaccines on a voluntary basis. We are currently working with the U.S. Department of Education to facilitate the use of several of our campuses to become vaccination hubs.
- Dual Credit: Dual credit students and faculty are required to adhere to Collin College COVID-19 procedures when on Collin College campuses. While on ISD premises, dual credit students and faculty will follow ISD guidelines.
- 5. **Intramurals**: Intramural events may be limited and will follow the College return guidelines.
- 6. Athletics: Collin College teams will follow NJCAA guidelines.
- 7. **Enhanced Campus Cleaning**: Collin College will continue to provide the same level of PPE and cleaning supplies for all facilities and continue enhanced cleaning services on all campuses. The bipolar ionization and UV sanitation equipment are installed and operational at all of our locations, virtually eliminating viral contaminants from the recirculating air.
- 8. **Campus Services**: Collin College will re-open all campus services for regular business hours on all campuses.

- Faculty Office Hours: Faculty are expected to resume on-campus office hours.
 Faculty may seek alternate physical locations on their campuses other than their offices.
- 10. Faculty and Staff Travel: Travel for professional development is open to faculty and staff. Employees are advised to follow published travel and quarantine restrictions of the destination and follow safety protocols. Faculty planning to travel should follow the Council on Excellence's (COE) travel instructions and guidelines.
- 11. **Student Travel**: In addition to following the current student travel guidelines, published travel and quarantine restrictions for airlines and destinations will be followed. Student travel group sizes may be limited throughout summer and fall.
- 12. **Conference Facilities** are open to internal and external events and will follow the College guidelines.
- 13. Case Reporting: Students, faculty, and staff who experience symptoms associated with COVID-19 or who have been diagnosed with a positive Coronavirus test should continue to follow current reporting procedures available at www.collin.edu/covid19.
- 14. **Spring and Summer 2022**: We will continue collaborating with the AY 2021-22 Restart Task Force to evaluate directions from the CDC and Texas State Health Services in developing guidelines for Spring and Summer of 2022.

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