

# McPherson College COVID-19 Campus Health and Safety Plan for 2022-2023

## OVERVIEW

McPherson College looks forward to resuming on-campus, in-person learning for the 2022-2023 academic year. The following Health and Safety Plan is consistent with guidelines provided by the McPherson County Health Department (MCHD) and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). The plan also follows recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the American College Health Association (ACHA), the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), the Kansas Independent College Association (KICA), and our on-campus medical provider, Partners in Family Care (PIFC).

## COVID-19 SAFETY PRACTICES

COVID-19 Safety training is available for all students and employees prior to the start of the semester. Updated COVID-19 safety information will also be posted on the college's website, in residence halls, and on all buildings' bulletin boards. Safety guidelines include:

### **Personal Health and Safety**

- a. If you feel sick, please remain home or in your room. Contact your medical provider if needed.
- b. Wash your hands with soap and water frequently and use hand sanitizer after touching frequently used items or surfaces.
- c. Avoid touching your face.
- d. Sneeze or cough into a tissue or the inside of your elbow.
- e. Disinfect frequently used items and surfaces as much as possible.

## OUTBREAK PREPAREDNESS

In the event of an outbreak of COVID-19, McPherson College is prepared to implement corrective measures aimed at limiting the transmission of the disease. These measures, in their order of application include masks, social distancing, modified mealtimes, reduced gatherings, limited contact sports, and remote learning.

## VACCINATIONS

McPherson College strongly encourages all faculty, staff, and students be fully vaccinated. At this time vaccinations are not required for students or employees.

If you would like to be vaccinated, you may call the McPherson County Health Department at 620 241-1753 for an appointment, or you can visit: <https://www.vaccines.gov/> to find a location near you.

## MASKS

Masks are not required on campus except for the five days following the completion of isolation for a positive case. You can visit: [CDC Isolation and Precautions](#) for more information.

## TESTING

Any person who experiences COVID-19 symptoms should get a COVID-19 test. Please note at-home tests may not detect all variants of COVID-19. If symptoms persist, testing at Partners in Family Care, the **on-campus clinic, located at 1800 E. Gordon, is recommended. Masking is required in the clinic.**

## **ISOLATION**

**Isolation** - Isolation separates people who have tested positive for COVID-19 (or are presumed positive) from those who are not infected. Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 typically isolate for 5 days from the time their symptoms first appeared (or when they were tested) but could be isolated for longer periods of time if their symptoms persist.

If a student tests positive for COVID-19 they will be directed to immediately isolate. If they can travel in a private vehicle and are within driving distance of their primary place of residence, they should isolate there. If a positive student cannot travel, Student Affairs may assist the student in locating lodging for the duration of the isolation period.

Students living off campus are strongly encouraged to have an isolation plan that includes food stores, medical supplies, and transportation.