

Lakeview College of Nursing

COVID Guidelines – Fall 2021

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Guidance

Required Vaccination for Faculty and Students.

Lakeview College of Nursing has received notification that a majority of our leading clinical agencies are adding the COVID-19 vaccination to the list of already required immunizations for all students and faculty to attend clinically. Our practice is to require the most stringent health record requirements of all of our clinical sites. That way, all students are up to date and ready for any clinical placement throughout the nursing program. For this reason, Lakeview will require faculty and students to receive their COVID-19 vaccination and provide documentation within CastleBranch. Faculty and students must have documented proof of at least their first dose completed (if applicable) before clinical starts in order to attend. (Medical and Religious exemptions, plus pregnancy deferral forms are available).

Fully Vaccinated Individuals

- Students must upload a copy of their vaccine to CastleBranch.
- Employees should submit a copy of their vaccine to Karlee Thomen.
- Fully vaccinated individuals will be required to wear masks. Employees may remove masks in private offices.
- If exposed to a positive COVID-19 case, fully vaccinated individuals are not required to quarantine unless symptoms are present. However, an individual should still monitor for COVID-19 symptoms for 14 days following the exposure.
- If COVID-19 symptoms are present, students should contact Dr. Stuckey at 217-709-0945 or lstuckey@lakeviewcol.edu for quarantine guidance. Employees should contact their direct supervisor.

Unvaccinated Individuals

- Masks should be worn indoors by all individuals who are *not fully* vaccinated, at all times. Employees may remove masks in private offices.
- Individuals who are not vaccinated or are in the process of becoming fully vaccinated -- which occurs two weeks past the last dose of a COVID-19 vaccine – must continue to wear a mask on campus.
- Physical distancing should be maintained.
- If exposed to a positive COVID-19 case or have COVID-19 symptoms, unvaccinated individuals are required to quarantine; students should contact Dr. Stuckey at 217-709-0945 or lstuckey@lakeviewcol.edu for quarantine guidance. Employees should contact their direct supervisor.

COVID-19 Vaccination

The CDC and our clinical agencies state that vaccination is the leading prevention method to protect individuals and the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Several agencies provide the vaccine; here are a few:

- Vermilion County Health Department <https://vchd.org/covid-19/>
- Clinics by Illinois Counties <https://carle.org/Home/COVID-19-Resources/COVID-19-Vaccine-Information>
- OSF HealthCare <https://www.osfhealthcare.org/covid19/vaccine/>
- Sarah Bush Lincoln <https://www.sarahbush.org/vaccines/>
- State of Illinois Vaccination Locations <https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/vaccines/vaccination-locations.html>

General Health & Safety

- Masks should be worn indoors by all individuals. We will provide one cloth mask to all students, faculty, and staff. Disposable masks will be available at the front entrance(s).
- Frequent [hand hygiene](#) and [respiratory etiquette](#) should be followed.
- Continue to perform daily health screening for infectious illnesses, including COVID-19. Individuals with signs or symptoms of infectious illness should stay home and use a [COVID-19 self-checker](#) to determine whether to seek testing or medical care.
- Common areas (student study areas, lounges, conference rooms) will be cleaned/ disinfected regularly, and hand sanitizer will be available.
- Sanitation stations will be available in common areas (hand sanitizer, wipes, and disinfectant spray).
- High-touch surfaces such as door handles and copiers will be cleaned/disinfected regularly.
- Wide-scale absences of faculty, staff, and students will be noted and brought to the attention of the local public health department.
- Minimize outside visitors that are not on campus for College business.
- It is already a requirement for faculty and students to have up-to-date immunizations, and it is highly suggested for staff.
- Flu shots will be mandatory (unless you have received a waiver due to an exemption) for all students and faculty and highly recommended for staff.

General Information: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Exemption forms may be found [here](#).

Instruction

- ❖ Sanitation stations will be available in all classrooms, labs, and common areas (hand sanitizer, wipes, and disinfectant spray).

Theory/Lecture

- Fall semester classes *will be conducted face-to-face in the classroom*, with faculty having the capability of doing sessions remotely *if needed*. (Quarantined and positive cases will be required to provide the appropriate documentation to the College.)
- Courses and classroom schedules have been slightly adjusted to create safer traffic flow and timely sanitation.
- Accommodations will be made, where possible, for vulnerable or at-risk groups and for students unable to be on campus due to COVID-19 exposure or symptoms.
- Faculty will be ready to move all aspects of courses online with synchronous learning, *if necessary*. Synchronous learning is remote learning in real-time; for example – class is Monday 1-4, students will be online virtually simultaneously.

Lab and Clinicals

- Labs and Clinicals will be in-person as scheduled.
- Clinicals - Masks are mandatory. Compliance with health records is required.
- Labs – Masks are mandatory.
- Students will need to stay home if they are not feeling well and will be sent home if they begin to show COVID-19 symptoms. Students must communicate with their clinical instructor and course coordinator before the absence.

Campus Life

- More details on each event will be distributed at a later date.
 - ❖ White Coat Ceremony TBD.
 - ❖ Research Day TBD.
 - ❖ Commencement TBD.

Testing and Notification

- Lakeview will follow the guidance of the IDPH and our local health department(s) if they determine that surveillance testing becomes necessary for a specific location.
- In coordination with the local public health department(s), monitoring, tracking, and tracing positive cases identified on campus may be necessary to help notify individuals at risk for infection and to lessen the spread.
- Local public health departments may be provided test results based on required local, state, and federal regulations.
- Testing Sites and guidance in Illinois: <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/testing>

Lakeview College of Nursing trusts that all faculty, staff, students, and visitors alike — will ultimately take responsibility for their own health and safety and act in a manner that demonstrates respect and consideration for those around them. We are committed to keeping our College community healthy and safe and will remain flexible as new information emerges and guidelines change, and we will respond accordingly. Federal and state authorities may force further modifications that could alter our current plans.

