

Interim WCUCOM Fever Screen Protocol for the 2020-2021 Academic Year

Background

WCUCOM has taken significant steps to ensure the safest environment possible; however, a general risk remains. It is incumbent upon all of us to adhere to the guidance of the MS Department of Health to the best of our ability for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic. In preparation for the 2020-2021 academic year, WCUCOM met multiple times with the MS Department of Health to review classroom and laboratory plans for instruction. As such, the areas have been designed to afford appropriate social distancing maximum capacities; therefore, we ask everyone to refrain moving chairs, tables, etc. in classroom and laboratory areas. Please also follow appropriate PPE recommendations when engaging in any classroom or laboratory activities.

For more information on Mississippi's response to COVID-19, please visit https://www.msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/14,0,420.html

Should a positive case occur, WCU will coordinate with MS Department of Health to notify students, faculty, and staff that may have been exposed. We recommend testing at the Hattiesburg Clinic Cough and Fever Clinic as they are geographically close to WCUCOM.

General Guidelines

All Faculty/Staff/Students are required to complete the daily online William Carey University COVID Screen. This should be completed prior to arrival to campus. Wearing a double layered cloth face covering and respecting a minimum of 6 feet of social distancing will be enforced for the 2020-2021 academic year. Frequent handwashing and the use of hand sanitizer is highly recommended.

Faculty/Staff/Students scheduled for activities in the classroom space (Lecture Halls 1 and 2) and laboratory areas (OPP, ILC, and Anatomy) will have to undergo an additional temperature check at either the COM 1, 3 or Thomas building entry areas and have to provide a verbal re-attestation of the COVID daily screen between 8-3pm daily.

All Faculty/Staff/Students are required to wear appropriate PPE in designated classroom and laboratory areas. For classroom areas, the minimally required PPE is wearing a double layered cloth mask. For laboratory areas, the minimal requirements for PPE include a double layered cloth mask, splash guard goggles or face shields, and clothing that covers arms and legs. Further instructions on PPE and required attire may be given in the Course Syllabi.

Clinical Skills Training Procedures and Attire:

- An appropriate face mask or covering should be worn at all times while in the Clinical Skills Training areas.
- Protective eye wear should be worn at all times while engaging in the practice of OMT or related clinical skills.
- All students should wear a long sleeved under garment to every lab in addition to the standard required attire stated for the CST lab.
- Students should thoroughly wash their hands including scrubbing under the fingernails just prior to the start of lab.

- Frequent handwashing and the use of hand sanitizer should be executed through the entire lab session.

All students that are studying in designated study spaces are also required to undergo an additional temperature check between 8-3pm Monday-Friday.

On weekends and after hours, faculty/staff/students that are coming to campus will be required to complete the daily online Carey COVID Screen prior to arrival to campus. Appropriate PPE will be required in designated lab areas. Masks, and social distancing of 6 feet or greater will be enforced for the 2020-2021 academic year.

Students on clinical rotations will follow the MS Department of Health Guidelines for Healthcare Workers. These recommendations can be found at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/return-to-work.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fhealthcare-facilities%2Fhcp-return-work.html

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Testing

Anyone with COVID-19 Symptoms should get tested before returning to campus. We recommend testing at the Hattiesburg Clinic Cough and Fever Clinic as they are geographically close to WCUCOM. Please follow all quarantine guidelines while awaiting test results as given by your testing center.

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