

Harcum College PTA Program COVID-19 Safety Plan

- All PTA students, faculty and staff must be vaccinated for COVID-19. Each person is strongly encouraged to receive the vaccination booster as soon as they are eligible to do so.
- Anyone returning to campus must wear a mask and practice social distancing to every extent possible at all time when on the campus grounds.
- Anyone returning to campus must recognize that their activities outside of campus can place themselves, their peers and their instructors at risk. Each student and faculty member should practice social distancing, mask use and regular hand hygiene at all times throughout the day on and off campus to the extent feasible to minimize potential for exposure and transmission of disease. Students are strongly discouraged from attending any crowded, un-masked settings/events on or off campus.
- Each day, prior to leaving for campus, complete the college screening form: [Harcum COVID Screening Form](#)
- Prior to students entering for any lab classes, screening forms (CDC attestation questions) will be reviewed prior to entry to determine if any person should be excluded from entering the lab classroom. Temperatures will be taken prior to entry. Any person excluded from returning to lab based on the screening results should exit the campus and follow up with his/her program director. Hand hygiene is to be completed prior to entering the building.
 - Any person with stated symptoms or a temperature of 100.4 or greater will not be allowed to enter.

Lab Protocol:

- Groups are limited to a maximum of 12. Masks are required in all campus buildings. Each student is required to wear at least a level 2, level 3 or N95 mask at all times in the lab room. Face shields are recommended for use in lab.
- Maintenance of social distancing should be upheld to the extent possible, including in lab. Close interaction occurs for lab activities/practice, only. During periods of discussion, problem solving, etc. students should move to positions that are at least 6 feet apart.
- Students, faculty and staff will carefully don and doff masks with minimal touching of face. Any student who is unsure if his/her protocol for donning/doffing is appropriate will request instructor feedback. Each student is expected to appropriately clean, store and replace soiled or damaged PPE. Notify an instructor or the PTA PD if replacement PPE is needed. All students are required to review don/doff procedures prior to attending lab, and to follow said procedures: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/using-ppe.html>
- Gloves should be worn for person to person contact as appropriate.
- Only lab kit equipment that is going to be used that session should be brought to lab, and the equipment should be sanitized after use.
- Frequent handwashing is essential to preventing the spread of COVID-19. All lab attendees should complete hand hygiene at a minimum of before and after donning mask/shield, upon entering lab, before/after donning gloves, before/after cleaning face shield, when transitioning between lab tasks/activities, and additionally, as needed.
- Any equipment used must be disinfected prior to any other individual using the equipment.

- Students should minimize lab practice/contact (that occurs within 6 feet or less) with peers/instructors whenever possible, and should prioritize practice to occur with peer(s) within their cohort/lab group.
- No food or drink in lab.
- Hygiene: Cough or sneeze into a tissue and discard the tissue into waste. Follow the hand washing protocol or the hand sanitizer protocol after a cough/sneeze.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Follow protocol for hand hygiene after touching eyes, nose or mouth.
- Follow protocol for hand hygiene after doffing gloves, if using gloves.
- Follow protocols for personal hygiene between students, as one would between clinic clients (CDC Standard Precautions for All Patient Care: <https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/basics/standard-precautions.html>), in situations in which physical distancing is not possible, as when teaching or learning hands on physical therapy skills.
- As in the clinical/work environment, students are strongly encouraged to have lab clothing/shoes that are for use only in that setting. The student should shower and change out of lab clothing after lab, at home, prior to other activities.
- Students are strongly encouraged to maintain social distancing, hand hygiene and mask use at all times on and off campus to mitigate exposure and transmission risk.

Classroom Recommendations:

- Groups are limited to allow adequate social distancing to be maintained.
- Masks must be worn at all times.
- Students and Faculty should wash or sanitize hands before and after class time (gel in/gel out, every time).
- It is imperative that faculty keep accurate attendance records if there would be an exposure or a person who develops COVID-19.
- Classroom equipment used (computers, white board markers/erasers, podiums, tables, desks) should be disinfected between classes.

In the event of a COVID-19 Exposure, or onset of new Symptoms

- Any person who reports an exposure to a person with a positive diagnosis of COVID-19, or who has a new positive diagnosis of COVID-19 or new COVID related symptoms is required to provide a list of those they have contacted on campus, and any areas they accessed while on campus. Anyone with cold like or GI symptoms should fill out the COVID Reporting Form.
 - This person is required to complete the College COVID-19 Symptom/Exposure Report Form, which is accessed via the home page of the Harcum College webpage. [COVID-19 Reporting Form](#)
 - Once COVID form is filled out, the student health center director will be in touch to make a plan for testing and isolation if necessary.
 - The PTA Program Director will work with the student and PTA faculty to facilitate transition to remote learning and rescheduling of on-campus coursework, labs and testing where feasible
 - If diagnosed with COVID, there is a 5 day quarantine/isolation period. On day 5 the student/staffer must take a rapid test to clear for return to campus. If unable to

schedule an appointment off campus for a rapid test, one can be scheduled at the Harcum College Health Center.

- The Student Health Center has COVID Rapid Tests available to test any student with a close contact exposure or student presenting with symptoms.
- Areas accessed will be cleaned in accordance with PA DOH guidance.
- Any person who develops any symptoms consistent with COVID-19 (fever, cough, and severe sore throat, loss of taste or smell) while on campus will be sent home immediately and the work/class/lab area cleaned in accordance with PA DOH guidelines.
 - This person is required to complete the College COVID-19 Symptom/Exposure Report Form, which is accessed via the home page of the Harcum College webpage. [COVID-19 Reporting Form](#)
 - The college health director will direct the student regarding what needs to occur next.
 - The PTA Program Director will work with the student and PTA faculty to facilitate transition to remote learning and rescheduling of on-campus coursework, labs and testing where feasible
- Persons who become ill at home are not to come to campus. Persons with fevers may not return to campus until at least a period of 48 hours without a fever without any fever reducing medication has elapsed.

This policy is subject to revision pending publication of new guidance.

https://acapt.org/docs/default-source/public-docs/acapt-classroom-and-lab-guidelines-work-plan---version-1-may-18-2020.pdf?sfvrsn=49a08cd8_4
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/public-health-recommendations.html>
<https://www.education.pa.gov/Schools/safeschools/emergencyplanning/COVID-19/Pages/Health-Education-Reopening-Guidance.aspx>
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/critical-workers/implementing-safety-practices.html>
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