

Syllabi Addendum for COVID-19, Fall 2021 Semester

As MSU Denver returns to campus for Fall 2021, we are committed to providing a quality learning experience along with providing a safe and healthy educational environment. In doing so, we are following the Colorado Department of Higher Education *Planning for Return to Campus During COVID-19 Considerations and Recommendations*. Below is a list of guidelines for the start of 2021 courses.

If you have not received the COVID-19 vaccination, you will be asked to comply with MSU Denver's updated health and safety requirements for non-vaccinated persons – wear a *face covering while oncampus, quarantine for up to 14 days if a positive COVID-19 case occurs in the classroom and submit to periodic COVID-19 testing. In addition, prior to coming to campus, if coming to campus, please follow the following instructions:

- Each day students are to perform a self-health assessment for possible symptoms of COVID-19. List of symptoms can be found on the following CDC website
https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fabout%2Fsymptoms.html
- **Student Class Attendance Policy**
 - General Student Policy: Students who are demonstrating virus-like symptoms or have direct exposure to COVID-19 and have classes on campus, are not to report to class. Those diagnosed with or exposed to COVID-19 are to follow CDC (Center of Disease Control) and CDPHE (Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment) guidelines regarding quarantine periods. A student may not return to classroom-delivered instruction until he/she can provide written clearance from a medical doctor or receive clearance from ACH (Auraria Health Center). If the class is online and you are demonstrating virus-like symptoms or have direct exposure to COVID-19, you still need to contact the Auraria Health Clinic at (303) 615-9999.
 - Students in the situation mentioned above must notify their course instructor and/or clinical instructor and call the Health Center at Auraria (303) 615-9999.
 - Excusing Students from Class: If an instructor identifies a student who appears to be ill with COVID-19 symptoms, the instructor will ask the student to go home or call the Health Center at Auraria.
 - Reporting Absence from Classes: If a student is absent due to the virus, the instructor should be notified by the student. Keep in mind, attendance is not required for all classes consequently, the instructor may not notice whether or not a student is absent. It is imperative that the University community is compliant with the CDC and CDPHE guidelines. Thus, the need for notification from the student.
 - If a student is absent for two class days and has not contacted the instructor, it is recommended that the instructor (or student faculty advisor) make an attempt to contact the student. If this attempt is unsuccessful, the absenteeism will be reported to the chair of the department and the Dean's office. The Dean's office will notify the

Health Center at Auraria who will then contact the student. This process aligns with the guidance provided by the Colorado Department of Higher Education who recommends reporting absenteeism patterns.

- If a student is absent due to an infected family member (resides in the same household) they will continue learning through all means (online, hard copy, email, etc.) Instructors will ensure students are provided with materials or accommodations to be successful in their classes.

At-Risk Students: If you believe you are at-risk to suffer complications from COVID-19 due to underlying health conditions, contact vaccines@msudenver.edu

- If a student or faculty member tests positive for the COVID-19 virus, the university will follow the Student Privacy Policy Office FERPA & Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) (FAQS) information sheet and the Joint Guidance on the Application of FERPA and HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability) Act of 1996. Links for access to these documents are below.

https://studentprivacy.ed.gov/sites/default/files/resource_document/file/FERPA%20and%20Coronavirus%20Frequently%20Asked%20Questions.pdf

<https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/2019-hipaa-ferpa-joint-guidance-508.pdf>

See Also:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>

Your Guide to Masks

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***Wearing a mask over your nose and mouth is required** on planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation traveling into, within, or out of the United States and while indoors at U.S. transportation hubs such as airports and stations. Travelers are not required to wear a mask in outdoor areas of a conveyance (like on open deck areas of a ferry or the uncovered top deck of a bus).