

Lakeview College of Nursing

UPDATED - COVID-19 Guidelines - EFFECTIVE 08.30.2021

On August 26, 2021, Governor Pritzker announced that the COVID-19 Vaccine *is required for all healthcare workers, higher education personnel, and students* to slow the spread of the Delta Variant. In addition, masks are required indoors, regardless of vaccination status. Weekly testing is required for unvaccinated individuals. Healthcare and higher education personnel and students who do not provide proof of vaccination will be prevented from entering healthcare and educational facilities unless they follow the required testing protocol.

NOTE: Lakeview College of Nursing has also been informed that one of our clinical sites (long-term healthcare facility) will not accept *any* exemption. Another hospital clinical site will not accept a Lakeview-approved exemption. Therefore students/faculty must submit an exemption to that hospital for their review. Please keep in mind that we may not be able to guarantee a clinical rotation if you are not fully vaccinated, which may impact your academic progression.

NEW Guidance

VACCINATION - Required vaccination for all higher education personnel and students.

Faculty and Students: Faculty and students must have documented proof of their first dose of a two-dose vaccination series or a single-dose vaccination by September 5, 2021. Second doses of the vaccine must be received by 30 days after the first dose. Students must upload vaccine documentation to CastleBranch, and faculty must submit documentation to Karlee Thomen.

(Faculty/Students - Review of exemptions were already completed, and individuals were notified. Important update - please see the note above about clinical sites and exemptions.)

Staff: Staff must have documented proof of their first dose of a two-dose vaccination series or a single-dose vaccination by September 5, 2021. Second doses of the vaccine must be received by 30 days after the first dose. Documentation must be submitted to Karlee Thomen. Staff [exemption forms may be found here](#) and are due to Karlee by September 1, 2021.

TESTING - Unvaccinated individuals must receive weekly testing.

Unvaccinated individuals must submit weekly testing documentation and results by each Monday at 8 a.m. *The first testing results will be due September 6, 2021.* This means you should get tested weekly on Wednesdays-Fridays to have results by Monday. Vaccinated individuals should get tested if symptoms are present or 3-5 days after direct exposure.

- ◆ Faculty and Staff submit documentation to Karlee Thomen, kthomen@lakeviewcol.edu
- ◆ Students submit documentation to the records office, Connie Young, cyoung@lakeviewcol.edu

MASKS – All vaccinated and unvaccinated must wear a mask. Employees may remove masks in private offices.

EXPOSURE

Fully Vaccinated Individuals

- 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 with an approved exemption or not fully vaccinated.

- 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 spread 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>
- DACC will be offering a walk-in Vaccination Clinic in the Bremer Conference Center on September 3 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., with the follow-up clinic on October 1 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

TESTING

All Testing Sites and guidance in Illinois: <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/testing>

Vermilion County Health Department: Shield Saliva COVID19 Testing will be **EVERY** Wednesday

- Time: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. (Appointments are recommended but not required – you can make an appointment by clicking on the link and registering: You do need a text number and an email address to receive your results. https://shieldportal.pointnclick.com/login_login.aspx
- To register, you will need the Agency Code: df5brbrj
- Testing is FREE and is a PCR test
- They are no longer requesting that you cannot eat or drink prior to getting tested.

You can still get testing through Carle (call for an appointment), OSF Urgo, CVS (must set an appointment up online), Walgreens (must set an appointment up online).

Mattoon Walk-In Clinic call 217 258-7490 to register and receive an appointment, M-F, 8-4; you must fill out a fax release form to send the results to the College.

Frequent emails are forwarded to the college community with COVID updates and include testing and vaccination information.

General Health & Safety

- Masks must be worn indoors by all individuals. The College 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) for all students and faculty and highly recommended for staff.

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

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/Labs – Compliance with health records is required. Masks are mandatory. Unvaccinated individuals will need to comply with the additional PPE requirements as a condition of their physical presence at any clinical placement facility. Healthcare personnel and students who do not provide proof of vaccination will be prevented from entering healthcare facilities unless they follow the required testing protocol. This may impact your academic progression if the testing protocol is not followed.
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- 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.

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.

