“Ultimately, the greatest lesson that COVID-19 can teach humanity is that we are all in this together.”

– Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw
On January 21 the U.S. reported its first case of a resident in Washington state who was hospitalized after returning from China. During this same period of time the future outlook at St. Charles Community College (SCC) was exciting as we celebrated another semester of positive enrollment. All indicators pointed to a successful academic year. We exceeded both our enrollment and budgetary projections, opened new student housing, began design work on our new culinary arts/brewery facility, and considered the possibility of a significant compensation increase for employees.

As January faded into February news of the coronavirus and its potential impact was gaining momentum. At SCC, we began to wonder if the virus was more serious than many of us thought. We learned from The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) that this new pandemic was a novel coronavirus called SARS-Co-V2, which has become known as COVID-19. We also discovered that this virus affects different people in many different ways, that a vaccine would not be available for some time, and that social distancing seemed to be the only means for containing its spread.

Based on protocols established by the CDC for minimizing the spread of the virus, on February 28 SCC launched a COVID-19 webpage that provided sensible advice to students and employees about detecting symptoms and preventing the spread of the virus. It was not until March 6 that Missouri acknowledged the first positive case of COVID-19. As of June 1, the state reported 13,327 positive cases.

COVID-19 was becoming a formidable challenge for university and college presidents throughout the nation. Health experts urged that social distancing was the best approach to “flattening the curve.” Certainly, this presented a conundrum for higher education, considering that most courses are delivered in classrooms that assure close proximity of students.

So how did we respond? What steps did we take to ensure the health of our campus community? Within this Reopening SCC Report, we have provided information that features a timeline of activities during the early months of the pandemic. We introduce the committees put in place to decide how SCC would deliver instruction and support services amid restrictions to gatherings and requirements of social distancing, and most importantly, the report includes specific plans for partially reopening the campus for fall 2020.

I would like to extend my appreciation to all the faculty and staff who responded quickly during the early months of the pandemic by successfully transitioning courses and services online and for those employees who provided help and expertise in planning for a new normal. My appreciation is also extended to the health professionals throughout St. Charles County who have served as a key resource in making decisions about how best to proceed. And, a special thank you goes to our students for their perseverance and dedication to completing their coursework during such unprecedented times.
COVID-19 is a respiratory illness caused by the novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2). The virus spreads from person-to-person primarily through respiratory droplets and contact with contaminated surfaces. It is a particular threat for older patients and those with certain pre-existing medical conditions. However, there is much to learn about the virus and to consider in the context of risk and risk mitigation for SCC populations.

The Pandemic Committee drew on a wide range of resources in developing its recommendations. This included guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, the Missouri Governor’s Office, St. Charles County Department of Public Health Department and other government agencies and professional organizations. Committee members conducted literature and data reviews, including COVID-19 case and hospitalization rates for Missouri. Leadership has remained in close contact with other academic institutions in the state reviewed plans and white papers from other higher education institutions across the country.

In developing these recommendations, we are operating under the assumption that there will continue to be some degree of spread in the community during the Fall semester and beyond until (if) herd immunity is achieved either through vaccination or actual infection and recovery. While therapy and vaccine development are underway and early clinical trials have begun, to date no vaccine or prophylactic drugs with proven safety and efficacy exist.

Thus, as St. Charles Community College (SCC) reopens, the primary tools to limit the viral spread and harm are prevention through a combination of personal and public health practices, and supportive therapy. The Committee’s recommendations, wherever possible, are evidence-based and intended to facilitate faculty, staff, and students returning to campus as safely as possible.

This involves balancing risk with benefit. The duration of this pandemic remains unclear, and the situation is dynamic and continues to develop. The Committee will regularly review public health guidance, scientific knowledge, and clinical best practices and update its recommendations as the need arise.
## SCC COVID-19 Timeline

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### Established Committees
- Planning and Coordination
- Roles and Responsibilities
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<td>Suspended international travel. IT establishes resource pages for faculty/staff.</td>
<td>FA Association established mentor program. President’s Council supported decision to extend remote instruction/services to end of March.</td>
<td>College provided 2 online training sessions. President began daily updates to employees. All college travel suspended.</td>
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<td>IT distributed laptops, etc. to students and faculty as needed. Housekeeping staff cleaned &amp; disinfected all buildings.</td>
<td>All spring events cancelled; Commencement postponed.</td>
<td>SCC Foundation donated $21,403 to purchase additional laptops. Vice President Leenhouts presented comprehensive plan for online registration. College extended remote instruction until end of semester.</td>
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Human Resources launched COVID-19 resource page for employees.

Food items were donated on to Sts Joachim & Ann Church for their food outreach program.

MARCH 26
College decided to extend online instruction and support services through the summer.

MARCH 27
Medical supplies donated to local hospitals.

MARCH 30
Board conducted first online meeting.

In the spirit of preparation, Cabinet began discussing scenarios for fall, if needed.

CARES Act passes. $2.6M

APRIL 1
Access to most buildings on campus restricted; limited staff on campus for critical work.


APRIL 3
Administration decides not to conduct faculty evaluations.


IT begins distribution of soft phones.

APRIL 6
Cabinet sub-committee formed to study cost saving strategies.
The St. Charles Community College Pandemic Committee is providing leadership to develop plans associated with the delivery of instructions and support services amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The Committee is led by Todd Galbierz, COO/Vice President for Administrative Services. Guided by the college’s existing Pandemic Plan, the group met on a regular basis to gather data and other resources, assess appropriate strategies for maintaining compliance with safety standards, and communicating key information to the campus community. The most important work associated with this group is determining how the process for reopening the campus in a manner that maintains social distancing and other appropriate measures, including:

- State of COVID-19’s impact in the state’s hospitals
- Contact monitoring and tracing
- Prospect for and the impact of widespread availability of:
  - Treatments (antivirals)
  - Serological/antibody testing
  - COVID-19 virologic testing
  - Vaccines

Additional sub-groups have been created and are associated with the Pandemic Committee. These include:

- The Continuity of Instruction Group
- The COVID-19 Facility Task Force
To date, 69 faculty and staff have been involved in planning and have contributed to this Reopen Plan. We wish to acknowledge the following individuals for their assistance:

Diane Arnzen          Mike Dompierre          Heather McDorman          Dave Schuckmann
William Bailey         Jeffrey Drake          Kelleleigh McGraw         Joe Schuchmann
Frank Barrow          Brad Egberts          Lindy McGuire            David Seward
Lauren Bauer          Jerol Enoch             Rex McKarney             Sana Shaheen
Beth Bauer            Justin Enoch            Cory McRae               Chad Shepherd
John Bookstaver       Theresa Flett           Victor Mercurio          Monica Swindle
Jeff Bradbury         Todd Galbierz           Lisa Mouser              Doug Threewitt
Ken Bray              Karen George            Joanna Musak             Ginny Tiller
Kathy Brockgreitens-Gober Lance Gully           Darren Osburn           Mercedes Tolliver
Gretchen Carranza     Virginia Guneyli         Julie Parcel             Jusuf Tucakovic
Andrea Compton        Borys Hlubotskyy          Nicole Pinaire           Scott Vierling
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Donna Davis           Brenda Kearns            Bob Ronkoski             Rich Waligurski
Marcus Davis          Barb Klasek              Mandy Rose               Nick Wallace
Tim Davison           Amy Koehler             Nikki Ruckman            Mathew Wills
Tammie De Los Santos  David Leenhouts         Jay Scherder             David Wilmore
Lauren Dickens        Kelli Lile               Betsy Schneider          Victoria Young

Restart Framework

The Committee has aligned with the guiding principles outlined in the Show Me Strong Recovery Plan published by the State of Missouri on May 4, 2020. These guiding principles frame the decision to move forward with stages to reopen various sectors of the economy:

• Flattening the curve and expanding healthcare capacity, while utilizing federal programs and deploying state resources;
• Making decisions based on Missouri-specific data and medical expertise;
• Protecting healthcare workers, first responders, and other direct care workers so that our citizens have access to the care they need;
• Looking after our most vulnerable and at-risk populations;
• Partnering with community leaders and incorporating flexibility based on each community’s circumstances;
• Slowing and containing the spread of COVID-19;
• Implementing a measured approach to mitigate risk of a resurgence.
Guiding Principles and Premises for the Committee

- A phased approach is needed for the return to the campuses.
- Herd immunity will not have been achieved at the time of return to campus.
- Vaccines against SARS-CoV-2 will not yet be available at the time of return to campus.
- Approximately 40-50% of individuals infected by SARS-CoV-2, and capable of shedding virus, are asymptomatic.
- A variety of risk mitigation and monitoring strategies need to be in place. Further strategies should be considered as technologies advance and more data becomes available.
- In the event of a resurgence, criteria and procedures need to be in place for a campus or campuses to shut down rapidly.
- If viral spread continues to decrease, restrictions may be relaxed in a phased approach.
- Plans to return to campus may differ for credit and non-credit programs.
- Special consideration must be given to the individual susceptibilities of vulnerable populations within the faculty, staff, and student community.
- The variations among campuses must be considered and locations must abide by local health department guidelines.
- Faculty and staff should continue working on a remote basis if feasible, or until directed to return to campus by Human Resources.
- Clarity of roles and responsibilities of SCC, the Missouri State Department of Health and Senior Services, and local health departments is important.
- The "dose" of exposure matters so reducing the amount of exposure to the virus to the lowest levels possible is warranted.
Modeling and Health Systems Capacity and Survey Data

1. Current data show a decrease in new hospitalizations and, in regularly updated modeling for Missouri, predicts a continued decrease through the end of June. The Pandemic Committee will continue to monitor trends.

2. The data from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and St. Charles County Department of Public Health have had and will continue to have significant Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and ventilator capacity. The Pandemic Committee will continue to monitor trends.

3. Ultimately, the timeline for restarting activity depends on the extent of viral spread, which can and will change over time. These current modeling projections and health system tracking data support a phased return to campus, with risk mitigation, and tracking procedures to be described below:
   - Staff, as needed and identified, may be returning to campus beginning in June-July,
   - The return of athletes for training and competition has not yet been determined (see Athletics section),
   - Faculty and student body to return (in some proportion) for fall semester.

To finalize plans for the fall semester, SCC requested feedback from the campus community through the survey of faculty and students. The hybrid approach was based off of the feedback received.

STUDENT SURVEY RESULTS SHOWED:

1. About 55% of students taking in-person courses had difficulty transitioning to fully online coursework.

2. More than 90% of students did have access to the technology they needed to transition to online.

3. Students were split on whether they would be successful if only able to take online courses with just over 50% saying they agree.

4. Some 80% of students said Instructors did a good job of communicating with them.

FACULTY SURVEY RESULTS SHOWED:

1. Half of faculty did not have trouble transitioning courses to fully online, while the other half did have some difficulty.

2. Prior to the pandemic, 59% of faculty taught in-person courses only.

3. About 76% of faculty felt that students did well with the transition to online courses.

4. The majority of faculty, some 65%, agreed that a flexible hybrid approach for the fall semester would be the best way to offer courses.

To maintain health guidelines and ensure social distancing, courses and services will return to campus for the fall in a reduced capacity.

1. Courses will be delivered via a hybrid approach. Limited face-to-face courses will be offered on campus with the majority of courses being offered online.

2. Classrooms will be set-up to ensure social distancing can be maintained.

3. Buildings will be marked to ensure the flow of traffic ensures social distancing can be maintained.

4. Student services will be offered by appointment including enrollment, financial aid and advising.
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- Please use cleaning wipes available to disinfect your area.
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Campus Store (bookstore)
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Reopening – Guidelines for Employees

FACULTY AND STAFF

1. If a faculty or staff member becomes ill, or they suspect they have had contact with an infected person, they should stay home, self-isolate, and contact the COVID-19 Information Hotline of St. Charles County.

2. If a faculty or staff member has symptoms of COVID-19, they should:
   - Not report to work. They are instructed to absences and COVID-19 situation to their supervisor in accordance with their department’s call-in procedures. The supervisor will report it to the Director of Human Resources.
   - Provide to their supervisor their county health department proof of clearance before returning to work. The supervisor will forward the document to the Director of Human Resources.

3. There are two types of leave that will serve faculty and staff impacted by COVID-19.
   - Emergency Paid Sick Leave provides up to 80 hours paid leave for full-time employees, prorated for part-time employees based on average hours. Daily and weekly pay maximums apply. Detail and application forms are available on the Faculty-Staff portal.
   - Extended Family and Medical Leave is available for those who have been employed at the college at least 30 days. The employee is eligible for two-thirds of regular rate of pay, up to a maximum of $200 per day, for 10 weeks following the 2 weeks noted in the Emergency Paid Sick Leave (above).

4. Require employees to participate in all case investigations and contact tracing needs of state, local, and college health officials.

5. Consider telework, distance learning, stagger return of on-campus community and work schedules, where feasible, until "outbreak management" is achieved.

6. Faculty and staff who have concerns specific to their individual circumstances, such as a health condition that places them at high risk, should consult with the Human Resources Department.

TRAVEL

1. Travel should be minimized.
   - Restrict travel for professional development through Dec. 31, 2020, and will be revisited for subsequent academic terms depending on the current outbreak status.
   - Anyone coming to campus from international locations should self-quarantine for 14 days as per current CDC guidelines before coming to campus.
   - Continue to base personal travel restrictions on the CDC Travel Alert Level 3 and applicable state and local travel advisories.

2. Travel guidelines and restrictions for visitors:
   - Consider alternatives before extending invitations to visit campus.
     - Limit to only most critical visitors.
     - Implement an approval process.
     - Implement pre-conditions for campus visits including self-screening, self-temperature checks.
     - Provide a mask if necessary

3. Structure the academic calendar, where possible, to minimize travel associated with breaks.
Reopening – Guidelines for Students

STUDENTS IN SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS

1. Health Sciences Students
   • Continue to follow guidelines established by the health sciences dean which are aligned with their respective professional organizations for students.
   • Students will not work with known COVID-19 patients.

2. Labs and Other Technical/Hands-On Class Students
   • Continue to follow guidelines established by the academic dean which are aligned with their respective professional organizations for students.

3. Art, Music and Theatre Students
   • Abide by recommended risk mitigation strategies, including maintaining physical distancing and attempt to increase distance between people when there may be singing, yelling, heavy breathing, playing an instrument, etc. Further guidance on specific activities will be forthcoming.
   • Consider outdoor activities and continued virtual instruction, where possible.
   • Consider routine daily screening of faculty, staff, and students involved in rehearsals and performances.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Athletics: Decisions regarding fall practices and competition for intercollegiate athletics have not yet been made.

As all athletes are students, so college guidelines should be applied universally.

Because athletics presents challenges with social distancing and minimization of groups, particularly with contact sports, special considerations should be made to protect the student-athletes, coaches, and athletic trainers.

Consider requiring routine symptom screening on a daily basis of all coaches, athletic trainers, and student-athletes. SCC’s virtual screening and monitoring tools could be used to do this (see Monitoring, Testing and Case Tracking).

Decisions about holding particular athletic activities (organized and informal) and events and under what conditions need to be made on a case-by-case basis. These must take into consideration the degree to which the risk can be mitigated by physical distancing, hygiene and must be in accordance with federal, state and local guidelines. Further guidance will be forthcoming.

The Fitness Center will be closed for the foreseeable future. It will reopen at a future date with the guidance of health officials.

Students employed in roles deemed to be essential and with a higher risk of exposure to COVID-19, employee/volunteer (e.g. nursing home) should follow guidance of respective professional organization.
Reopening – Addendum

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

1. Maintain at least six feet between people/workstations. Place plexiglass or other barriers in workspaces where people must face each other or are unable to be six feet apart.

2. Consider placing barriers at high-visited areas such as reception desks and check-in points.

3. Marketing and Facilities will work together to provide updated signage at entrances indicating public health measures and recommendations to be followed.

4. Large events significantly increase the risk of transmission of COVID-19. Decisions about whether to permit large gatherings need to be evaluated with respect to the importance to the college’s mission, the extent to which physical distancing is possible, the risk to vulnerable individuals, and federal, state and local guidelines.

5. Outdoor events reduce the risks of viral transmission compared to indoor events.

HAZARD ASSESSMENT

A COVID-19 Hazard Assessment modeled after OSHA Standards was completed for every employment position at the college. Safety measures were taken that align with best practices, but in many cases, exceed best practices.

PERSONAL HYGIENE AND PREVENTION MEASURES

These recommendations will require additional measures on the part of all SCC community members, as well as additional measures on the part of SCC facilities and others.

1. The Communications Pandemic Subcommittee will promote education and awareness including the posting of current signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if symptomatic.

2. Cloth face coverings are to be worn in public spaces and in face-to-face meetings, while on campus.5,4

3. Provide face coverings to faculty, staff, and students (who are unable to provide their own). Include instruction regarding washing cloth masks.
4. Require hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette (i.e., no hand shaking, cough in elbow, etc.).

5. Instruct all students, faculty, and staff to stay home if sick or if requested by the health department to quarantine.

6. All students, faculty, and staff must be prepared to isolate or quarantine when necessary. Everyone must be prepared to participate in any case investigation and contact tracing with state, local, or college health officials.

7. All students, faculty, and staff must self-monitor health for symptoms of COVID-19 and use SCC’s screening protocol.

8. All faculty and staff must notify Human Resources when sick with COVID-19 and report to their local public health department accordance with state and local contact tracing protocol.

9. All students must report to their local public health department in accordance with state and local contact tracing protocol.

10. The college recommends an annual influenza vaccine for all members of the college community.

PUBLIC HYGIENE

Public hygiene measures are inexpensive and effective and should be enacted.

1. Increase regular cleaning and disinfecting of public spaces.

2. Increase regular cleaning and disinfecting of touch surfaces (lobbies, classrooms, hallways, dining, sporting/gym areas).

3. Provide hand sanitizing stations at major entrances to buildings, in high-traffic areas and in classrooms.

4. Remove high-touch items such as magazines, common pens, etc.

5. Identify frequently touched areas (doors, cabinets, etc.) and investigate options to implement no/reduced touch options such as door removal, foot-operated door pulls/pedals, or sensor-triggered doors.

MONITORING AND CASE TRACKING

The ability to accurately identify college faculty, staff and students infected with SARS-CoV-2 and isolate them along with tracing their close contacts is critical for limiting the number of COVID-19 cases and safe campus reopening. Faculty and staff must report a positive COVID-19 exposure or status to the Director of Human Resources. Students will report their COVID-19 exposure or status to the Office Coordinator in the Student Life Office.

THERMAL MONITORING AND SURVEILLANCE

1. Faculty, staff and student temperatures will be monitored when entering a college building.

2. Remote body temperature monitoring is not currently recommended given the variety of college course locations and other complications.

ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE

After testing for COVID-19, the individual will quarantine. If living at the Campus Lake Apartments, roommates/close contacts will quarantine. If the test result is positive, this arrangement will continue for 14 days for roommates/close contacts. The COVID-19 positive individual will remain in isolation in accordance with CDC guidance.

1. If the test results are negative, per CDC guidelines, the individual and close contacts, housemates/roommates continue to monitor symptoms and be tested if symptoms arise. If symptoms arise in any of the people, they should seek care through the St. Charles
County Health Department or healthcare provider of their choice. Normal activities may be resumed as long as test results are negative.

2. Discontinuation of quarantine. People with COVID-19 should follow CDC guidelines for the discontinuance of quarantine protocols.

CONTACT TRACING

SCC is responsible for contact tracing and will work with the St. Charles County Health Department.

If symptom checking indicates further attention is needed, individuals will be referred to the St. Charles County Health Department or a healthcare provider of their choice.

Vaccinations and Therapeutics

1. Recommend and offer an annual influenza vaccine for all faculty, staff and students. Owners of Campus Lake Apartments may require the meningococcal B vaccination for all residents who meet the age range for the immunization.

2. Begin planning for procedure for offering COVID-19 vaccination, if it becomes available.

Mental Health

During the pandemic, mental health services will be more important than ever.

META tele-mental health has provided a path for mental health providers to continue providing services to students during the pandemic. In-person visits should be limited to those clients who would most benefit from such interactions.

This is a critical time to provide virtual training and resources to faculty, staff and students on how to identify those in distress and how to effectively intervene and refer appropriately.

Employee Assistance Program (EAP) program benefits were expanded for all faculty and staff through Dec. 31.

Additional Considerations Deemed Important

It is important that all individuals on campus understand their responsibility for their personal health as well as other members of the campus community and the risks associated with participating in various types of campus activities. This will necessitate a robust education and communication process.

1. Education and Training
   • Self-monitoring symptoms protocol
   • Known risk factors – personal and situational
   • Self-monitoring if COVID-19 positive
   • PPE, including masks
   • Physical distancing requirements and facility flows – Campus Lake Apartments, classrooms, laboratories, cafeteria
   • Personal hygiene protocol
   • Post travel (domestic and international) protocol
   • Quarantine and isolation procedures

2. Communications
   • The restart plan and guidelines
   • Education and training materials and expectations

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Collaborate with local health departments, local communities, and businesses by sharing ideas and plans to ensure the college community is continuing to practice healthy and safe behaviors off campus. The College will continue to collaborate with local health departments, local communities, and businesses by sharing ideas and plans to ensure the college community is continuing to practice healthy and safe behaviors on and off campus. To cite a few, the College has worked consulted or collaborated with the CDC,
WHO, OSHA, the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, the St. Charles County Health Department, and Community Strong St. Charles County.

CAMPUS LAKE APARTMENTS

1. Campus Lake Apartments is owned and operated by a third party developer and it houses SCC students.

2. The owners of Campus Lake Apartments will provide guidelines and protocols for its residents should a student resident test positive for COVID-19 and notify the college.

VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

1. Certain populations are more vulnerable for severe COVID-19 infections and may need special considerations to reduce their risk of exposure. “Based on currently available information and clinical expertise, older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions might be at a higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19.” CDC identifies “older adult” to be 65 years of age or greater.

2. Faculty and staff who have concerns specific to their individual circumstances, such as a health condition that places them at high risk, should consult with the Human Resources Department.

FOOD SERVICE

1. Provide pick-up, drop-off, delivery, and single meal service only.

2. Restrict self-service of food and/or beverages (buffets, salad bars, drink stations, condiment stations, etc.) and avoid using or sharing items such as condiments and food.

3. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces (for example, door handles, workstations, cash registers) as needed and shared objects (for example, payment terminals, tables, countertops/bars, receipt trays, condiment holders) between use.

4. Space in-person dining areas to allow for social distancing and prioritize outdoor dining areas, where feasible.

5. Limit number of indoor diners in accordance with state and local capacity guidelines and limit tables to six or fewer guests.

6. Ensure that ventilation systems operate properly and increase circulation of outdoor air as much as possible by opening windows and doors, using fans, other methods.

7. All lines need to accommodate and be marked for physical distancing.

8. Extend food service hours throughout the day to reduce crowding at mealtimes.

9. Eliminate reusable kitchen items and replace with single use options.

10. Assign vulnerable workers to duties that minimize their contact with customers and other employees.

11. Enforce frequent handwashing, physical distancing, and the use of cloth face coverings for employees.

12. Rotate and stagger shifts to reduce the number of employees in the workplace at the same time.

13. Offer staff sick leave and add COVID-19 as reportable for food service employees.

14. Use touchless payment options as much as possible and encourage preorder and prepayment options.

15. Place physical barriers, such as sneeze guards and partitions, at cash registers, or other food pickup areas where maintaining physical distance of 6 feet is difficult.

16. Conduct daily health checks of employees prior to arrival to campus.
17. Post signage on how to stop the spread of COVID-19 and promote everyday protection measures.

18. Align with and implement St. Charles County Public Health Department and Serv-Safe regulations and guidelines.

CLASSES: INSTRUCTION AND LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

1. Organize classes to minimize risk.
   • Implementation of a hybrid mode of face-to-face and online instruction will likely be necessary for the foreseeable future.
   • Minimize class sizes to achieve physical distancing of at least six feet.
   • Adjust schedules to avoid traffic.
   • Cloth masks should be worn on campus and in classes.
   • Implement close monitoring and tracking of in-person attendance to facilitate contact tracing in the event of an exposure.

2. Investigate options to implement no/reduce touch options such as door removal, foot-operated door pulls/pedals, or sensor-triggered doors.

3. Outbreak management measures in facilities include:
   • Utilize crowd sourced cleaning and disinfection in public areas by providing wipes and signage in common areas to increase frequency of cleaning.
   • Allocate space within buildings through layout and design to allow for physical distancing where possible.
   • Post educational signage.
   • Prohibit non-essential vendors and deliveries.
   • Conduct activities outdoors when possible (classrooms, dining, events, etc.).
   • Provide physical barriers, i.e. plexiglass, at high-traffic point-of-sale, service, reception or other locations where frequent face-to-face interaction must occur.
   • Increase environmental cleaning and disinfection, as needed.
   • Increase visibility (signage) and availability of handwashing facilities.
   • Ensure handwashing facilities are fully stocked and operational.
   • Empty trash more frequently, as needed.
   • All touch points should be sanitized more frequently.

FACILITIES

1. Post and promote hygiene prevention strategies.
   • Provide hand sanitizer upon entry to all buildings.
   • Increase visibility (signage) and availability of handwashing facilities and hand hygiene products.
   • Provide face covering and social distancing reminders.
   • Place appropriate signage at entrances and within buildings indicating pathways and positions for standing, waiting, etc., where applicable.
BUILDING SCHEMATIC DESIGN FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING
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SCC Fine Arts Building
Floor Plan

SCC Humanities Building
1st Floor

SCC Humanities Building
2nd Floor

SCC Learning Resource Center
1st Floor

SCC Learning Resource Center
2nd Floor

SCC Social Sciences Building
1st Floor
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Center for Healthy Living
1st Floor
Summer

Center for Healthy Living
1st Floor
Fall

Center for Healthy Living
2nd Floor
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