



2021-22 SMWC RETURN TO THE AVENUE PLAN

August 19, 2021

We welcome back students, faculty and staff to The Woods for the 2021-22 academic year! The COVID-19 Taskforce continues to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and the information regarding the variants. Although there is still much to learn about the new Delta variant, what we do know is that receiving a vaccine may help you avoid being seriously ill or hospitalized due to COVID. As such, we are strongly encouraging all students, faculty, and staff to consider being immunized. Together, we create a safe and welcoming environment for our students and our campus community.

Mask Policy

Vaccinated individuals do not need to wear a mask on campus. Individuals who are not vaccinated or do not have a positive antibodies test are required to wear a mask throughout campus.

Vaccination documentation

Vaccination documentation or valid antibodies test results should be submitted by August 16 to the SMWC Health Clinic either during First Monday in Le Fer Ballroom, visiting in-person at the health clinic during normal hours or via email at vax@smwc.edu.

If you choose not to be immunized or prefer not to provide documentation, then, for your own safety, you will be required to continue to wear a mask while on campus in public spaces including classrooms and athletic practices, and in meetings where social distancing is not available.

Daily #CampusClear Reporting

Beginning Monday, August 16, all students and employees will be expected to monitor and report their status before attending class or work each day. The app can be loaded on your smartphone from the App Store.

Cleaning and other Protocols

Other efforts to help mitigate the spread of the virus within the SMWC community include the continuation of protocols such as frequent cleaning of surfaces and classrooms, cleaning supplies available in classrooms and public spaces and distancing of three feet in classrooms.

SMWC Health Clinic

The SMWC Health Services Clinic at Rooney Center can perform the antibodies test, and the COVID-19 vaccine is readily available at many locations, including local drug stores. The SMWC Health Clinic is gearing up to provide a vaccine clinic and more information will be forthcoming. COVID-19 testing is available at most local pharmacies and rapid testing is also available at the SMWC Clinic. Campus students will not be charged for an office visit to receive this service. Fall Hours of operation are Monday-Thursday 8:00-4:00 pm. Appointments are preferred but not required. Additional information about the Health Services Clinic can be found on the SMWC website.

Quarantine instructions for individuals exposed to someone who tested positive

People who are fully vaccinated do NOT need to quarantine after contact with someone who had COVID-19 unless they have symptoms. However, fully vaccinated people should get tested 3-5 days after their exposure.

People NOT fully vaccinated for COVID-19 will need to quarantine for 14 days and wear a mask while indoors until tested for the virus.

What to do if in Quarantine:

- Stay home for 14 days after your last contact with a person who has COVID-19.
- Watch for fever (100.4°F), cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19.
- If possible, stay away from people you live with, especially people who are at higher risk for getting very sick from COVID-19.

People may be able to shorten the quarantine period depending on guidance from the contact tracer or local health department. Options to consider include stopping quarantine:

- After day 10 without testing
- After day 7 after receiving a negative test result (test must occur on day 5 or later)

Isolation instructions for individuals who contracted COVID-19 virus

A) I had COVID-19, and I had symptoms

You can be around others after:

- 10 days since symptoms first appeared **and**
- 24 hours with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and
- Other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving*

**Loss of taste and smell may persist for weeks or months after recovery and need not delay the end of isolation*

B) I tested positive for COVID-19 but had no symptoms

- If you continue to have no symptoms, you can be with others after 10 days have passed since you had a positive viral test for COVID-19.
- If you develop symptoms after testing positive, follow the guidance above for "I had COVID-19, and I had symptoms."

Protocol for Student-Athletics

- If a student-athlete requires COVID-19 testing to return-to-play, any costs associated with the testing will be the students responsibility. A student-athlete can choose to live out their quarantine to avoid testing.
- If a student-athlete tests positive for COVID-19, return-to-play protocol is **REQUIRED** and any costs associated with EKG testing or any other form of testing will be the students responsibility.
- If a student-athlete has to provide a COVID-19 test result prior to an away game/competition, the student will be responsible for any costs associated with the required testing.

