Student Guidelines for Returning to Campus
Face Coverings and Social Distancing

Your safety is our top priority. We are following the mandates from the Governor’s Office and the CDC guidelines to help keep everyone on campus safe and healthy. We ask all students to play an active role in protecting the campus community’s health and safety. **Face coverings are mandatory on campus, including all NSC buildings, classrooms, the plaza area, and all student services areas. All NSC students on campus must be wearing a face covering.**

Failure to do so may result in removal from campus for the semester or until the face-covering mandate has been lifted.

*If you have a medical condition that will not allow you to wear a face-covering safely, please work with your academic advisor to request an online class schedule for the Fall semester.

Properly wearing a face-covering includes covering the nose and mouth. If you have to remove your face covering briefly, please try and do so outside and while still practicing social distancing by staying at least six feet away from others.

Face coverings are not a substitute for social distancing. To adhere to social distancing guidelines, we have limited class sizes and changed class formats to reduce the overall number of students who can be present in a classroom at any given time. You should have received a letter from Provost and Executive Vice President, Dr. Vickie Shields, explaining the class formats’ changes. Class sizes will be no more than 50% of a classroom’s capacity and subject to six-foot social distancing requirements.

Outside of the classroom, expect to see signage, floor decals, and fewer chairs (to discourage large gatherings) to designate proper social distancing. Since people can spread the virus before they know they are sick, it is essential to stay away from others even if you have no symptoms.

**Generally, students are advised to:**

- Stay at least 6 feet (about two arms’ length) from other people at all times.
- Do not gather in groups.

Student services areas with a counter may have a plexiglass barrier, and hand sanitizing stations have been added to each floor near entrances, stairwells, and elevators. Some areas, such as the library and computer labs, may have a new maximum capacity to ensure proper social distancing.
Safety Station Locations

If you forget your face covering at home or in your car, disposable face coverings will be available in Safety Stations. Safety Stations are located in all NSC buildings, including the Rogers Student Center, the Raker Student Success Center, the Liberal Arts & Sciences Building, Dawson, and the Kasner Academic Building. Disposable facial coverings may only be worn for one day and then must be placed in the trash.

Elevators

We cannot maintain social distancing in an elevator; therefore, we have limited the number of occupants in the elevators to one-person per elevator. If you have an underlying health issue that requires you to take the elevator or if you need an individual with you for physical assistance or an ADA accommodation, that is appropriate and understandable. If you can take the stairs, please take the stairs.

Symptom Monitoring

If you do not feel well, do not come to campus. Students should conduct a personal symptom monitoring check every day before leaving for school. At this time, symptoms include one or more of the following:

- Persistent Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fever
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Diarrhea
- Runny nose/sniffles/new or unknown sinus congestion
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Fatigue
- New loss of taste or smell

Please notify your instructor(s) of your absence per syllabus instructions.

Reporting Positive Tests

Students who have tested positive for COVID-19 are encouraged to notify Dr. Stefanie Coleman, Dean of Students, at Stefanie.Coleman@nsc.edu and complete the self-reporting form at nsc.edu/coronavirus/self-report.

Positive COVID-19 test reports will be kept in the strictest confidence and will only be shared with individuals with a need to know (e.g. Human Resources, General Counsel) as well as County health officials. We will provide support and guidance to students who test positive for COVID-19.

Return to Campus Requirements

Students who have tested positive for COVID-19, have come in contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19 or are exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms must either (1) self-quarantine for a minimum of 14 days, and be free of ALL symptoms or (2) be notified by the Division of College and Community Engagement of return date to class, if not showing symptoms of COVID-19.

Self-quarantine or a return to campus certification must be completed/provided before a student can be authorized to return to campus.
3 W’s of Safety

Wash your hands frequently
Wear a face covering
Watch your social distancing

Take the Scorpion Pledge

Together we can ensure a healthy and safe return to campus and on-site/online teaching. All students must complete the Scorpion Pledge online at nsc.edu/scorpionpledge before returning to campus. Students are also encouraged to download the State Safe app; simply search State Safe in the Apple iTunes or Google Play app store.

Campus Cleaning & Disinfecting

Nevada State College is committed to protecting the health and safety of all members of our campus community. As we look to welcome faculty, staff, students, and visitors back to campus, we want to share the protocols that have been put in place to ensure you are provided with clean and sanitized learning and studying environments.

• All cleaning protocols adhere to NV-OSHA guidelines. NV-OSHA Guidelines for Roadmap to Recovery. http://dir.nv.gov/OSHA/Home

• All campus disinfecting procedures utilize EPA approved Virex II/256 & Purtabs (cleaning materials that have been shown to neutralize the COVID-19 virus) for kitchen/cafeteria spaces, electronics & other “no-wipe” surfaces.

• All high touchpoints, including stairwells, elevators, open restrooms, and café areas, will be disinfected each weeknight.

• All high touchpoints in occupied public areas will be disinfected every four hours.

• All public restrooms will be disinfected at least twice per day, mid-day and at night. Higher use restrooms will be sanitized more often during the day.

• Hand sanitizing stations have been added to each floor near entrances, stairwells, and elevators.