



UPDATED - COVID-19 Guidelines - EFFECTIVE 10.20.2022

COVID 19 VACCINATION - Vaccination against COVID-19 is widely available. Vaccination is the leading prevention strategy against COVID-19.

REQUIRED - Faculty and Students: Faculty and students must have documented proof of full vaccination. COVID-19 boosters are highly recommended. Students must upload vaccine documentation to CastleBranch, and faculty must submit documentation to Karlee Thomen. (*Vaccination is a requirement for health care settings.*)

RECOMMENDED - Staff: It is recommended that staff submit proof of full vaccination. Documentation should be submitted to Karlee Thomen.

NOTE: Approved Lakeview exemptions; see testing requirements. Some clinical sites will not accept any vaccination exemption(s). *Please keep in mind that we may not be able to guarantee a clinical rotation for students not fully vaccinated, which may impact the program's academic progression.*

USE OF MASKS – It is highly recommended that all individuals, regardless of vaccination status, wear a well-fitted mask when the [COVID-19 community levels](#) are high or, for those at a higher risk for severe illness when COVID-19 community levels are medium. **All students and faculty must follow the mask guidelines at the clinical facilities.**

TESTING

REQUIRED – Unvaccinated Faculty and Students - must submit weekly testing documentation and results by **each Friday at noon** to be at clinicals the following week. **Weekly testing may be a rapid test if no symptoms are present; except if you are going to Sarah Bush for clinicals and symptoms are present, you will need to submit a negative PCR test before returning. [Testing sites may be found here.](#)**

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

Individuals with symptoms of COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status, will be required to complete a COVID-19 test. Rapid tests may be available at the College – see Karlee Thomen. **If you are going to Sarah Bush for clinicals and symptoms are present, you will need to submit a negative PCR test before returning.**

Testing of all College individuals may be required when possible exposure is in the context of a large outbreak.

SYMPTOM SCREENING -All individuals should continue to monitor themselves for symptoms of infectious illnesses, including COVID-19 symptoms. Those 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.

EXPOSURE – Refer to [CDC for guidance and quarantine and isolation.](#)

Students should contact Dean Lawson at 217-709-0945 or blawson@lakeviewcol.edu for quarantine/ isolation 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 the spread of 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>

General Health & Safety

- Masks are strongly recommended. Masks are 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.
- Up-to-date immunizations are already required for students and faculty.

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

Instruction

- ❖ Sanitation stations are available throughout the College (hand sanitizer, wipes, and disinfectant spray).

Theory/Lecture

- Classes will be conducted face-to-face in the classroom.

Lab and Clinicals

- Labs and Clinicals will be in-person as scheduled.
- Clinicals/Labs – Compliance with health records is required. Masks are mandatory for clinicals and strongly recommended for labs.
Unvaccinated individuals must 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 a student's academic progression if the testing protocol is not followed.
- 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.

