

# Student Screening Guidance



## Student/Staff Screening

During a Governor Declared State of Emergency or Public Health Emergency, all Virginia Education
Coordinators conducting initial certification and continuing education programs shall implement a daily class
health screening check point and log for all students, faculty and staff entering the classroom. (Download
the <u>Daily Screening Log</u>)

DATE	NAME	TEMPERATURE <100.4°F	COUGH	NEW SHORTNESS OF BREATH	ASKED TO GO HOME (Note Time Dismissed)
			☐ Yes ☐ No	☐Yes ☐No	☐ Yes, Time: ☐ No

Example of daily log, available for download.

 Ask all persons (students, faculty and staff) reporting to class the following questions, remembering to respect their confidentiality:

Do you have any of the following?

- Fever or feeling feverish (chills, sweating). Not necessary if temperature taken, though ask about fever-reducing or symptom altering medications.
- o Persons who have symptoms of acute respiratory illness are recommended to notify their course Coordinator and stay home until they are free of fever (100.4° F [38.0° C] or greater using an oral thermometer), have signs of a fever, and any other symptoms for at least 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing or other symptom-altering medicines (e.g. cough suppressants).
- o Shortness of breath (not severe)
- o Cough

Are you ill, or caring for someone who is ill?

 Persons who are well but who have a sick family member at home should notify their Course Coordinator.

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- Address coming to class in your policies, addressing Declared State of Emergency or Public Health Emergency leave absences as is appropriate for your situation and size, following any federal and state employment law provisions.
- o If a students, faculty and staff is confirmed to be sick, the Course Coordinator should inform either 1) their administration for further guidance or 2) fellow students of their possible exposure to the pathogen in the classroom but maintain confidentiality as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act.



**Resource:** You may send home an student/faculty/staff member exhibiting influenza-type symptoms. For more information, see the CDC's Interim Guidance for Administrators of US Institutions of Higher Education.



## **Hand Hygiene**

With strict attention to staff hand hygiene, instruct staff to clean hands thoroughly:

- Upon entry into the workplace.
- Before and after any contact with patients.
- After contact with contaminated surfaces or equipment.



## Clothing

- If available, gowns should be considered.
  - o Change gown if it becomes soiled.
  - o Disposable gowns should be discarded after use. Cloth gowns should be laundered after each use.



#### **Pregnancy**

- Pregnant students or staff members should seek and follow medical guidance from their physician regarding work
- Educators may want to consider limiting exposure of pregnant students and staff to other students, especially during higher risk times (e.g., conducting skills, clinical rotations, field rotations) if feasible.

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