COVID-19 Exposure and Contact Tracing Policy and Procedures

COVID-19 Positive Individuals
Meridian Community College students who test positive for COVID-19 are required to notify, immediately, the MCC Office of Student Services at 601.484.8894 or cbennett@meridiancc.edu. MCC employees who test positive for COVID-19 are required to notify, immediately, the MCC Office of Human Resources at 601.581.3508 or apickard@meridiancc.edu. The individual should immediately self-isolate and not return to campus for any reason. Any communication should take place via telephone or email. Infected individuals are expected to follow instructions provided by their health care provider and follow the most current CDC guidelines.

Exposure to COVID-19
Meridian Community College refers to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance for evaluating students, faculty, and staff with potential exposures to COVID-19. This guidance may be updated as changes are recommended by the CDC.

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| Did the MCC student, faculty, or staff member have prolonged close contact, which is defined as a time period of 15 or more minutes, with anyone (includes family members, friends, patients, visitors, students, faculty or staff members) with confirmed COVID-19? | Was the student, faculty, or staff member wearing all of the following:  
• Respirator or a facemask;  
• Eye protection if the person with COVID-19 was not wearing a cloth face covering or facemask; and  
• All recommended PPE (i.e. gown, gloves, eye protection, respiratory) while performing an aerosol generating procedure. | The following restrictions will apply. |
| Yes | Yes | Then there are no campus/clinical/school/work restrictions. |
| Yes | No | Then the student, faculty, or staff member must do the following:  
• Notify your instructor and/or clinical instructor, immediate supervisor, or department chair of the exposure.  
• Self-quarantine for 14 days from the date of the exposure.  
• Monitor for fever or symptoms consistent with COVID-19.  
• Contact your healthcare provider to arrange medical evaluation and |
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<td>Follow all recommended infection prevention and control practices, including wearing a facemask, self-monitoring for fever or symptoms consistent with COVID-19, and not reporting to school or the clinical setting when ill, and undergoing active screening for fever or symptoms consistent with COVID-19 at the beginning of class or clinical rotation.</td>
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<td>Any MCC student, faculty, or staff member who develops fever or symptoms consistent with COVID-19 should immediately self-isolate and contact their healthcare provider to arrange medical evaluation and testing.</td>
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Instructions for MCC students, faculty, and staff member who have been exposed to COVID-19 as defined in the table above:

1. Notify your instructor and/or clinical instructor, immediate supervisor, or department chair of the exposure.
2. Self-quarantine for 14 days from the date of the exposure.
4. Contact your healthcare provider to arrange medical evaluation and testing if you develop symptoms.

**Contact Tracing**

When a member of the college community presents a positive test for COVID-19, the College will investigate potential exposures of others and conduct contact tracing. The student or employee will be instructed to complete the contact tracing form where they will list names (if possible), dates, times and locations where they may have put others at risk of exposure. This includes times of prolonged close contact with a student, faculty, or staff member. The College’s delegated representative will follow up with communication with the infected person to evaluate the length of interaction, location of the interaction, the nature of the interaction, as well as the personal protection equipment utilized in the interaction. To protect privacy, close contacts are only informed that they have had a potential exposure. The identity of the infected person will not be given, and no identifying information will be released.

The College will communicate with the persons listed who have been determined to be at risk of exposure, when contact information is available, and provide them with the necessary information to understand their risk, and information to prevent the spread of illness to others. Information regarding self-quarantine and self-monitoring will be provided. Close contacts may be required to stay home. See above for return to campus requirements.
Return to Campus Requirements

In accordance with the MS Covid-19 Isolation order issued 8/4/2020:

- Individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19, who either have or do not have symptoms, and were directed to care for themselves at home may return to campus under the following conditions:
  - At least 14 days* have passed since symptom onset (or from date of positive test is asymptomatic) or length of time designated in writing by the healthcare provider, and
  - At least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications, and
  - Other symptoms have improved.

- When the MS Covid-19 Isolation order expires or is lifted, MCC will follow current CDC guidelines concerning the length of home isolation/quarantine.

  *A limited number of persons with severe illness may produce replication-competent virus beyond 10 days, that may warrant extending duration of isolation for up to 20 days after symptom onset. Consider consultation with infection control experts.

  See Discontinuation of Transmission-Based Precautions and Disposition of Patients with COVID-19 in Healthcare Settings (Interim Guidance).

- Individuals who were placed on a 14-day quarantine due to possible exposure, may return to campus after at least 14 days have passed since the exposure occurred. Note: if symptoms develop, individuals should follow guidance above for persons with COVID-19.

- References

Residence Halls and Quarantine

Students residing on campus who test positive or who need to quarantine, will be encouraged to move home during the quarantine period. When this is not possible, the student will be provided a room in Eagle Hall, if space is available, until they meet the return to campus requirements.

Local COVID-19 Testing Providers

The following is a list of testing sites, within Lauderdale County, providing COVID-19 testing:

- Anderson Regional Health System 601-553-7888
- Clarkdale Clinic 601-282-3271
- Greater Meridian Health Clinic 601-693-0151
- Rush Health Systems 601-703-9913

For additional sites, visit the MS Department of Health website at msdh.ms.gov. Call ahead before visiting to make testing arrangements. Each provider will set their own testing fee. Ask about the cost of testing when you call a test provider. After you are tested you should isolate yourself while you wait for test results. It is essential to remain at home and away from other family members as much as possible to prevent the possible spread of disease.

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