

Medical Emergencies

Avoid contact with another person's bodily fluids in a medical emergency. Do not attempt to move the person unless immediately necessary.

Actions:

- Immediately call 911.
- Provide essential details such as the exact location, type of injury, current condition, and medical history (if known).
- Ask those in the area if anyone is certified in CPR, first aid, or any medical profession.
- Provide first aid and/or CPR if required.
- Remain with the injured/ill individual until help arrives.

Exposure to Blood-borne or Other Pathogens:

Suppose a student, staff, or faculty member is exposed or believes they have been exposed to a potentially life-threatening pathogen. In that case, follow the steps outlined in the MCC Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Procedure Policy found on EagleNet.

Actions:

- If an incident occurs, the student, faculty, or staff will report to the emergency room of his/her choice or to Rush Workforce Wellness located next to the Rush Hospital Emergency Room.
 - Rush Workforce Wellness operates between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
 - Report to Rush Emergency Room for initial evaluation if an incident occurs after hours.
- The attending healthcare provider should establish the need for any follow-up treatment.
- This action should be taken within one (1) hour of the incident.
- Prophylactic treatment should be started within 72 hours.
- The student will be responsible for fees incurred.

Possible Epidemics or Pandemics:

Actions:

- Collect information from faculty and staff members regarding the symptoms being experienced and the approximate number of individuals affected.
- Contact local Emergency Medical Services if immediate medical care is needed.
- Notify Campus Police when EMS is requested.
- Contact the County Health Department and/or County Emergency Management Agency to report findings and receive advice regarding appropriate responses.
- Distribute information quickly to the college community about the disease and its effects and accurate information regarding self-care and preventative measures.
- Should individual students experience severe symptoms, they may be asked to go home for treatment by family physicians.
- When necessary, students with acute or life-threatening symptoms shall be transported by ambulance to the nearest hospital for care.
- Should the County Health Department recommend a temporary restraint of activities, a decision regarding cancellation of classes or postponement of particular activities falls under the President's discretion.
- Meridian Community College refers to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) guidance for evaluating students, faculty, and staff with potential pandemic exposure.

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- This guidance may be updated as changes are recommended by the CDC and/or the MSDH.
- College administrators will work closely with local and state officials to respond if a pandemic reaches Mississippi.
 - Some actions may include suspension of non-essential public gatherings, enforcement of self-protection methods, and activating a continuity of operations plan in case all college activities must be suspended.
 - Such a decision will be made in conjunction with advisories from the state governmental authorities.

AED Campus Locations:

- College Crossing: Office.
- Damon Fitness Center: Office hallway.
- Ivy-Scaggs Hall: Wall outside Campus Police.
- L.O. Todd/Billy C. Beal: Upstairs past the front desk to the right.
- McCain Theater.
- Montgomery Hall: First-floor lobby.
- Quave Center: Hallway by conference room and restrooms.
- Ralph E. Young Center for Adult Education: Lobby.
- Reed Hall: Center of the building.
- Riley Health Sciences: Near the dental lab.
- Riley Workforce Development Center: Hallway past the lobby.