

# OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY COVID-19 RETURN-TO-CAMPUS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN



## TOGETHER AS A POLAR BEAR FAMILY

Let's each do our part to protect our loved ones and our community.

The health, safety and well-being of every member of the Ohio Northern University community is our top priority. COVID-19 remains a threat in our society, however, ONU's rural location, small size, and resident health experts give us unique advantages to manage the risks to our community. To safely resume classes on campus, we are implementing a comprehensive plan of new safeguards and procedures. We recognize that no university, nor any other organization, can guarantee an environment free of COVID-19, and we expect everyone associated with the University to understand that there is a risk of contracting the virus here or anywhere.

## HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

### Requirements for Faculty, Staff & Students (FS&S)



#### COMPLETE MANDATORY COVID-19 HEALTH AND SAFETY TRAINING

FS&S completed the mandatory online COVID-19 Training. As part of the COVID Training for students, they signed the Protect ONU Polar Pledge.



#### TAKE A DAILY TEMPERATURE READING

Self monitor your temperature every day - **it's mandatory**. If you get a reading of 100.4 F or above, don't come to class or work, check for other symptoms, and contact the ONU Health Center. Keep a log.



#### PRACTICE HAND HYGIENE

Frequently wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds or longer and frequently use the hand sanitizer readily accessible in all ONU facilities. Note that hand sanitizer must be at least 60 percent alcohol.



#### KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

Because COVID-19 mainly spreads via respiratory droplets by people who are in close contact with each other, maintain at least 6 feet of physical distance - which is approximately 2 arms' length - from others when feasible both indoors and outdoors. Avoid gatherings that exceed state guidelines and stay out of crowded places.



#### WEAR FACE COVERINGS

All FS&S and campus visitors **MUST** wear face coverings in campus buildings and residence halls, except in the privacy of their workspaces or residence hall rooms. Wear face coverings in outdoor settings where safe social distancing is not possible. Roommates and suitemates are considered a family unit, so you do not need to wear a face mask in your room or suite. However, 6-foot distancing and face coverings are required when other ONU students visit your room, suite or apartment. Masks are not required when it impairs respiratory function (eating, drinking, playing sports, playing a musical instrument, etc.), or if you have a federally recognized disability or accommodation. Remember to wash your mask daily.



#### SANITIZE SPACES BEFORE AND AFTER USE

FS&S are responsible for cleaning campus spaces, including offices, reception areas and conference rooms, before and after each use. Cleaning supplies will be available and cleaning directions posted in each shared public space. You must clean/disinfect any surfaces and equipment that you have touched or used.



#### FOLLOW MEETING PROTOCOLS

When at all feasible, avoid in-person meetings and events and utilize a virtual platform such as Zoom or Google Meet. However, if you must have a meeting/event of more than 10 people, it has to be approved through the McIntosh Center Information Desk. Requests should be submitted at least one week in advance via the Event Planning Form. Meetings/events **MUST** adhere to established guidelines such as avoiding handouts, wearing face coverings and maintaining 6 feet of distance between participants. A student worker on Klondike's Team (KT) will be assigned to student organization meetings and events to monitor and ensure safety guidelines are being followed.



#### SEEK ASSISTANCE

If you have any questions or concerns about ONU's COVID-19 requirements, contact:  
- Dr. Kelly Shields, associate dean, College of Pharmacy, at [kshields@onu.edu](mailto:kshields@onu.edu);  
- Business Services, [businessservices@onu.edu](mailto:businessservices@onu.edu), 419-772-2057;  
- Human Resources, [hr@onu.edu](mailto:hr@onu.edu), 419-772-2013

**STUDENTS:** If you've been in contact with someone with COVID-19 or you are experiencing any symptoms, contact the ONU Health Center immediately at 419-772-2086 or [health-center@onu.edu](mailto:health-center@onu.edu).

**FACULTY/STAFF:** If you've been in contact with someone with COVID-19 or you are experiencing any symptoms, contact the Human Resources immediately at 419-772-2013 or [hr@onu.edu](mailto:hr@onu.edu).

# LET'S WORK TOGETHER

We're focused on health, safety and wellness while maintaining a meaningful on-campus educational experience.

## HERE'S WHAT ONU IS DOING

### Summary of Campus Safeguards during the Coronavirus Pandemic\*



#### MODIFIED CALENDAR

Classes began on Aug. 10 so that fall semester could wrap up on Nov. 20 for the holiday season. The spring semester starts on Jan. 19, 2021, and ends on May 7, 2021, with a class day off in February, March and April.



#### POLAR PACKS

ONU provided students with a Polar Pack that includes a fabric face covering, thermometer, hand sanitizer, first aid kit and sunscreen. Packs are available at the McIntosh Center Information Desk or ONU HealthWise.



#### LIVING AND DINING SPACES

Common areas and restrooms in all residence halls will be cleaned 3x a day. Only other ONU students are permitted as visitors within rooms, suites or apartments and 6-foot distancing and face coverings are required. Anyone from outside of the University is prohibited from visiting campus residential rooms, including parents and other family members. No overnight guests are allowed in residence halls or apartments. Campus dining will offer variety, quality and value while following Sodexo standards for health and safety. Self-serve options will be eliminated and serve-and-go options will continue. Dining centers will offer limited seating capacity.



#### MULTIPLE DELIVERY METHODS

Classes will be delivered using multiple methods in order to maximize in-person instruction. However, hybrid instruction and remote learning technology may be implemented to ensure social distancing and where it is necessary to accommodate individual student or faculty needs.



#### ACTIVITY SAFETY PLANS

Performing arts, athletic programs, clinicals, labs, student organizations etc., will continue in a modified form with strict adherence to established safety plans and requirements for each area.



#### VIRUS TESTING AND CONTROL PROCEDURES

We will conduct regular surveillance testing on a sample population of FS&S as well as test anyone who has come in contact with an infected person. In addition, we have comprehensive procedures in place for contact tracing, quarantine and isolation, in the event of a positive test. Isolation housing and services will be provided for those individuals unable to leave campus.



#### EXTENSIVE CLEANING AND DISINFECTING

New cleaning protocols are being followed across campus. Frequently touched surfaces (doorknobs, handrails, tables, etc.) are cleaned 2x a day; McIntosh Center, residence hall restrooms and common areas, athletic facilities, etc. are cleaned 3x a day. Hand sanitizer is readily available in high contact areas in all buildings. Shared objects (lab and fitness equipment, computer labs, copy machines, etc.) should be cleaned in between each use and surface cleaners are readily available.



#### SOCIAL DISTANCING & BUILDING CAPACITY

Classroom seating is placed at 6-feet apart and academic building capacity is limited to 50 percent. Small spaces where social distancing is not possible are closed. In addition, gatherings outside the classroom must adhere to the people limit established by the Ohio Department of Health and follow ONU's established guidelines.



#### FACE COVERINGS

Face coverings will be mandatory for all FS&S and campus visitors while in the presence of others both indoors and outdoors.



#### LIMITED GUESTS AND TRAVEL

Non-essential visitors, volunteers and activities on campus will be limited. University-sponsored travel both domestically and internationally will be avoided. Athletic teams must follow the Athletics Safety Plan when traveling. Testing and/or isolation may be required for any FS&S who return from university-sponsored and personal travel.

\*Please read ONU's comprehensive plan "Spring Semester 2021 Safety Plan for In-person Education" for complete information about ONU's coronavirus guidelines and procedures at [onu.edu/covid-19-implementation-plan](https://onu.edu/covid-19-implementation-plan).