

NOC PANDEMIC RESPONSE PLAN

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IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND CDC RECOMMENDATIONS

Update January 7, 2022

We are looking forward to the spring semester and will continue to provide as “normal of a college experience” as possible for our students. A key to maintaining a safe and healthy college is having as many of our students and employees fully vaccinated as possible. We cannot encourage vaccinations enough. Doing our part to protect the health and well-being of our NOC campus community in the face of COVID-19 has never been more important. We encourage everyone to take personal responsibility in following recommended guidelines, as only through a collective, cooperative effort can we help protect our campus community.

The information on the following pages outlines expectations of NOC students and employees. This is not only to protect your health, but the health of our entire community. Your continued support of these guidelines is appreciated.

As new variants of the COVID-19 virus emerge along with the College’s recent weekly reports beginning to show some positive cases, the revised plan and safety protocols will be closely monitored and adjusted as needed based on the current conditions along with local, state, and federal guidelines.

NOC’s Pandemic Response Plan continues to be a collaborative effort, incorporating input from across our campus community.

The spring semester begins January 10. The 2021-2022 Academic Calendar is listed below:

<https://www.noc.edu/assets/uploads/sites/740/2021/11/2021-2022-Calendar-Tonkawa-Enid-Stillwater-11-11-2021.pdf>

NOC Emergency Response Team

The NOC Pandemic Response Plan was a collective effort created by the NOC Emergency Response Team tasked to respond to any event of significant threat to the health or safety of our college community. NOC's Emergency Response Team is a perpetual group that is activated during events that endanger the people and/or damage the facilities of NOC. Membership of this team includes the following as well as other designated representatives as needed from human resources, academics, student affairs, facilities management, information technology and other areas:

- President
- Vice President for Academic Affairs
- Vice President for Student Affairs
- Vice President for Financial Affairs
- Vice President of NOC Enid
- Vice President of NOC Stillwater
- Vice President Enrollment Management
- Dean of Students
- Associate Vice President for Physical Plant
- Vice President for Development and Community Relations
- Director of Information Technology
- Network & Server Administrator

The Emergency Response Team reviewed federal, state and local health guidelines with input from numerous leaders and experts. The Pandemic Response Plan is an ongoing effort developed over the past several months by members of this team.

<https://www.noc.edu/assets/uploads/sites/740/2021/10/NOC-Annual-Safety-and-Fire-Report-2021.pdf>

It is possible that additional ad hoc committees may be formed due to the ongoing situation with the COVID-19 Pandemic to assist the Emergency Response Team. The Development and Communications Department continues to educate and inform the campus community in regards to COVID-19 and the impact on NOC via NOC News updates through emails, website, campus signage, and social media.

Campus Communications

As new procedures and safety protocols are put in place, employees and students will be notified through campus communications. The Crisis Communications Team, a subgroup of the Emergency Response Team, will be involved in the crisis management response and the message communication to internal and external stakeholders. **Announcements and updated information will be available on the college website at <http://www.noc.edu/emergency/>. It is expected that the NOC Pandemic Response Plan will be regularly updated as circumstances change.**

NOC Virtual Backgrounds

Downloadable background options for your virtual meetings have been added to our website under the NOC Graphic Standards Guide <https://www.noc.edu/about-noc/graphics-standards/>. These various backgrounds will allow you to show off your NOC spirit. Images range from the Official Northern Oklahoma College logo to beautiful campus location shots.

Additional COVID-19 Resources

- Resources and Updates from CDC
- <https://coronavirus.health.ok.gov/>
- Oklahoma State Department of Health Coronavirus Hotline is 1.877.215.8336
- <https://www.ed.gov/coronavirus>
- <https://www.usa.gov/coronavirus/COVID-19> ("Coronavirus") Information and Resources for Schools and School Personnel
- <https://www.coronavirus.gov/>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>
- <https://www.sreb.org/higher-ed-playbook-progress>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/colleges-universities/considerations.html>
- <https://211oklahoma.org/> For Oklahoma information and referrals, please dial 2-1-1. From outside Oklahoma, call toll-free 877.362.1606 (Oklahoma City and Western Oklahoma) or 877.836.2111 (Tulsa and Eastern Oklahoma).

HEALTH GUIDELINES FOR THE NOC CAMPUS COMMUNITY

Personal Health Responsibility

The following outlines expectations of all NOC students and employees while on campus. This is not only to protect your health, but the health of our entire community. Your continued support of these guidelines is appreciated.

If you are sick, stay home. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>

- Perform a self-screening each morning before arriving on campus. Temperature must be less than 100.4° F/38° C. See daily health self-assessment form below.
<https://www.noc.edu/assets/uploads/sites/740/2022/01/NOC-Self-Assessment-Checklist-Updated-1.5.2022.pdf>
- Encourage social distancing guidelines of minimum three feet. Remove unnecessary items in your personal work or living space to create clean counterspaces and support cleaning efforts on common surfaces. Students and employees are responsible for cleaning own personal space.
- Avoid sharing equipment and supplies, i.e. pens and pencils, when conducting business and

favor electronic processes over sharing papers when possible.

- Disinfect fax machines, copiers, kiosks and printers in common areas before and after each use.
- Wash hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Keep a supply of hand sanitizer (as possible).
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue and then throw it away. Wash your hands afterwards.
- Disinfect all high-touch areas in your home and workplace.
- Do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.

NOC continues to provide health and safety materials and supplies for the campus including disposable masks to departments for those who need them. Clear protective barriers are still encouraged in high traffic areas serving the public.

New students and employees can receive their safety materials and supplies via their campus administrator.

CAMPUS CONTACTS:

- Enid Campus: Jeremy Hise, Vice President for NOC Enid, 580.548.2393, jeremy.hise@noc.edu
- Stillwater Campus: Jason Johnson, Vice President for Student Affairs, 580.628.6272, jason.johnson@noc.edu
- Tonkawa Campus: Jason Johnson, Vice President for Student Affairs, 580.628.6272, jason.johnson@noc.edu
- Human Resources: Shannon Cranford, Director of HR, 580.628.6229, shannon.cranford@noc.edu

NOC provided wall-mounted self-check stations with a non-contact digital infrared thermometer centrally located on each campus.

- Enid Campus – Entrances of Zollars Memorial Library and Mabee Center Fieldhouse; lobbies of Jets and Lankard Residence Halls
- Stillwater Campus – 2nd Floor commons area of NOC Stillwater Classroom Building
- Tonkawa Campus – Entrance of Memorial Student Union; lobbies of Markley, Boehme, Easterling, Threlkeld and Mavericks Residence Halls

Additional self-check stations will be added as needed.

Enid Campus – Entrances of Gantz Student Center and Briggs Auditorium

- Tonkawa Campus – Entrances of Renfro Center and Kinzer Performing Arts Center
- Stillwater Campus – Outside student break room on first floor near computer lab and nursing lab

Vaccination

While NOC is not requiring vaccinations for our students and employees, we do highly recommend vaccinations for those who are able. Exceptions: vaccinations may be required for those participating in allied health, nursing or global education programs.

We encourage all NOC students and employees to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Getting vaccinated offers an added layer of protection against COVID-19 that could also protect your family, friends, and community. All COVID-19 vaccines available in the United States greatly reduce the likelihood of contracting the virus or having serious reactions if exposed. Stopping this pandemic requires using all the tools we have available.

CDC recommends that people remain up to date with their vaccines, which includes [additional doses](#) for individuals who are immunocompromised or [booster doses](#) at regular time points. Individuals who

are moderately or severely immunocompromised should get an additional primary shot and a booster shot.

Oklahoma State University Health Services - COVID vaccinations (*Pfizer or Johnson & Johnson*) are now available upon request. Please call 405-744-7665 to schedule your appointment that works with your schedule. They are open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Vaccine Given: Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for ages 16 and up. This is a 2-dose series given 3 weeks apart. Your follow-up appointment date and time will be identified before you leave the building.

NOC Tonkawa - Kay County Health Department will be providing COVID testing and vaccinations clinic (Moderna, Pfizer or Janssen/Johnson and Johnson) for all NOC students, employees every second and fourth Monday this spring 2022 semester starting on the first day of class, January 10.

NOC Enid – TBA

Should any future large-scale vaccination clinics be scheduled for students and/or employees, information will be sent via email.

Oklahoma residency is no longer required. Vaccine appointments are now available to anyone aged 12 and older, living in any state.

Resources include:

- <https://www.vaccines.gov/>
- <https://vaccinate.oklahoma.gov/en-US/>
- Oklahoma State Department of Health <https://oklahoma.gov/covid19/vaccine-information.html>
- Oklahoma State University: Health Services <https://uhs.okstate.edu/vaccine-info.html>
- National pharmacy chains, including:
 - [Walmart](#)
 - [Sam's Club](#)
 - [Walgreens](#)
 - [CVS](#)
- Other vaccine locations statewide, including Tribal locations, are [available here](#)

COVID Vaccination Requirements for Nursing students

As responsible members of the healthcare workforce, nursing students are required to adhere to clinical facility requirements for vaccination and use of protective equipment. Students will be expected to purchase a personal ENVO N-95 mask for use in clinical settings when this level of protection is needed. Students are expected to wear a mask and/or face shield at all times during clinical laboratory sessions and when minimum physical distancing requirements cannot be maintained.

In order to comply with clinical facility vaccination requirements, all nursing students must provide documentation of receiving the full COVID-19 vaccine series (2 doses Pfizer or Moderna; 1 dose Johnson & Johnson) two weeks prior to the first day of the semester. Students who are not in compliance with the clinical facility requirements will not be able to attend clinical and will therefore be unable to meet course outcomes and progress in the nursing program. This policy also applies to other clinical facility immunization requirements. These requirements are necessary to provide protection for the public health, as nursing students have increased exposure to vulnerable populations in the clinical setting.

If students have questions or concerns, please contact Dr. Nikole Hicks at 580.628.6679 and include your team leader for spring 2022 (Dr. Crouch or Mrs. Heitfeld).

Face Mask and Physical (Social) Distancing Guidelines

To protect people from COVID-19, reduce the risk of being infected with the omicron variant or the possibility of new variants forming and possibly spreading it to others, NOC strongly encourages the use

of masks indoors in public, especially in situations in which social distancing is not possible and for activities with close contact with others.

For institutions of higher education where all students, faculty, and staff are **fully vaccinated**, CDC recommends universal masking indoors in public in areas of [substantial or high transmission](#) in accordance with [CDC's Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People](#).

For institutions of higher education where **not everyone is fully vaccinated**, CDC recommends universal masking indoors in public for all persons who are unvaccinated regardless of level of community transmission, and universal masking indoors in public for all persons (fully vaccinated and not fully vaccinated) in areas of [substantial or high transmission](#).

We strongly recommend that you wear a mask regardless of the level of transmission if you have a weakened immune system or if, because of your age or an underlying medical condition, you are at increased risk for severe disease, or if a member of your household has a weakened immune system, is at increased risk for severe disease, or is unvaccinated.

At this time under Oklahoma law (EO 2021-16 and 70 O.S. 1210.189), we are not permitted to require the use of masks on campus.

To continue campus safety, all NOC students, employees, and visitors are strongly encouraged to practice physical (social) distancing, frequent handwashing, and continued cleaning and disinfecting routines.

Syllabus Policy

To maintain a safe learning environment, delivery format (e.g. traditional, online live, online, etc.) may be changed as needed to align with federal, state, or organizational criteria, and the face mask recommendations may be reinstated if needed to maintain campus safety. If the course delivery has to be changed at any time during the semester, refer to the Blackboard page of this class for instructions.

NOC COVID-19 Self-Reporting Form

NOC COVID-19 Self-Reporting Form <https://www.noc.edu/emergency/noc-covid-19-self-reporting/>

WHO SHOULD COMPLETE THIS FORM?

To ensure that Northern Oklahoma College can provide support and resources to students and employees, the College is requesting that the COVID-19 Self-Reporting Form be submitted by an individual when:

- You have received a positive COVID-19 test result
- You have been exposed to COVID-19 (*direct contact within six feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period*)
- You have symptoms of COVID-19 but have not been tested or have test results that are pending (A comprehensive list of COVID-19 symptoms can be found on [CDC website](#))
- You have an update to provide to any of the above

Students should immediately self-report to the appropriate campus administrator a positive COVID-19 test or a primary exposure contact with an individual who has tested positive. Employees should immediately self-report to the appropriate campus administrator for contact tracing, as well as notifying their immediate supervisor and the HR Director if they have had a positive COVID-19 test or primary exposure contact with an individual who has tested positive.

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WHAT DOES THIS FORM DO?

This form is how you will notify appropriate campus administrators on the emergency response team and Human Resources about your condition. It will create an email confirmation of the report for illness/exposure/monitoring, help reduce potential exposure to the campus community, and allow the College to assist the ill students, employees, and guests connecting them with needed services. **This form does not take the place of the [daily self-screening](#).**

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Individuals completing this self-reporting form will be contacted by a campus administrator (see campus contacts). If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, or a campus administrator deems it necessary in consultation with the health department, you will then be directed to a health agency for further evaluation and testing. **Please Note:** The College is committed to ensuring that your submission remains private and only will be utilized as a means to provide support and resources.

For a full list of county drive-through testing in Oklahoma, go to <https://coronavirus.health.ok.gov/testing-sites>. Some health departments also advise the public to check their Facebook pages for more information regarding testing.

State Department of Health Coronavirus Hotline - 1.877.215.8336

<https://coronavirus.health.ok.gov/Oklahoma>

<https://211oklahoma.org/> For Oklahoma information and referrals, please dial 2-1-1. From outside Oklahoma, call toll-free 877.362.1606 (Oklahoma City and Western Oklahoma) or 877.836.2111 (Tulsa and Eastern Oklahoma).

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions about self-reporting or concerns or do not have access to a computer to complete the self-reporting form electronically, please contact Jason Johnson, Vice President for Student Affairs, at 580.628.6272 or jason.johnson@noc.edu.

Procedures for Positive COVID-19 Case or Primary Exposure Contact

Northern Oklahoma College is following the guidance of national, state, and local health officials, and federal reporting guidelines, in our response to a positive diagnosis on campus. If we receive confirmation that a NOC student or employee has had a positive COVID-19 test or primary exposure contact, there are important measures that will be promptly taken including quarantine or isolation, contact tracing, communication and facility disinfection.



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COVID-19 Cases, Reporting and Notifications

Northern Oklahoma College will be reporting weekly on positive cases and required quarantine cases associated with students, faculty and staff. The [Weekly Pandemic Situation Update](#) will be posted on the emergency page by the close of the business day each Friday to keep the campus community informed.

Campus community members who are directly impacted by any particular case will be notified directly by campus officials to ensure privacy and confidentiality, as required. Consistent with [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC) protocols for infectious disease response, any campus community member identified as having had close contact with these individuals while on campus or at a campus-affiliated location will be notified and may be told that they need to quarantine. Campus officials will thoroughly clean and disinfect facilities that have been visited by those who test positive and/or had symptoms of illness.

For student cases – NOC employees will receive a student notification letter via e-mail from Jason Johnson, Vice President for Student Affairs, informing them that one of their students is in quarantine or self-isolation and tentative date of return. Please note, this student notification does not mean the student has tested positive for COVID-19, and the student may not have exhibited symptoms.

For employee cases – NOC supervisors, appropriate vice president(s) and the HR director will receive an employee notification letter via email from Jason Johnson, Vice President for Student Affairs, informing them that one of their employees is in quarantine or self-isolation and tentative date of return. This does not mean the employee has tested positive for COVID-19, and the employee may not have exhibited symptoms.

Quick Links:

- NOC Pandemic Response Plan <http://www.noc.edu/emergency/>.
- Weekly Pandemic Situation Update <https://www.noc.edu/emergency/weekly-pandemic-situation-update/>
- For any follow-up questions, please send an email to covid-19@noc.edu. Your question will be routed to the appropriate NOC emergency response team member to address.

Cleaning of College Facilities

Facilities

- NOC Physical Plant is providing touch-point cleaning and disinfecting daily in campus buildings, classroom spaces, common areas and public spaces. Custodial staff will work diligently to clean classrooms, libraries, tutoring and testing centers and other high traffic areas a minimum of once every day. Students and employees will have access to disinfectant to wipe down their areas more frequently if they so choose.
- NOC will maintain alcohol-based or equivalent hand sanitizer and replacement wall-mount dispensers to refill the currently-installed hand sanitizers located throughout the campus locations. Physical Plant will work to procure and distribute necessary cleaning supplies for individual departments. Additionally, the college has purchased electrostatic disinfection foggers to disinfect high traffic and targeted area. The HVAC systems on the Enid and Tonkawa campuses will be upgraded to replace the roll filter media systems to pleated filter systems. This is a result of the recommendations from ASHRE, CDC, APPA and other agencies to provide filtration. If possible, of at least MERV 8 rating. The NOC Stillwater Classroom Building, as a newer construction, was designed to meet this standard.

Vehicles

- Because vehicles are often returned after hours and checked out before normal work hours, physical plant staff will not always have access to provide additional cleaning. In an effort to provide additional cleaning protocol to college vehicles, each employee using a college vehicle should wipe down the interior upon return to campus. Disinfectant will be available in all vehicles.
- Masking and physical distancing are strongly recommended in college vehicles when traveling with others.

- Upon return to campus, the employee is asked to wipe down the steering wheel, door handles, seat belts, and any other visible surfaces the driver and/or passengers in the car may have touched. Cleaning supplies will be available at each campus location.
- For individual travel, employees may opt to use personal vehicles if preferred. See NOC Travel Rules for additional guidelines, travel requisition forms and reimbursement.

College-Related Travel

Given the continuing guidance of state, federal and the college's domestic and international travel guidelines are as follows:

- All restrictions on in-state travel have been lifted and normal processing of requests and approvals should be followed.
- All out-of-state and college-sponsored international travel will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and employees must complete appropriate travel request forms and pre-approved by the appropriate Vice-President and the President.

Study Abroad

The U.S. Department of State and Centers for Disease Control continue to advise citizens to reconsider travel when possible to most international destinations as new variants of the COVID-19 virus emerge and access to vaccines remains unpredictable in many regions of the world. Although many countries are beginning to open their borders to vaccinated travelers, these policies remain unpredictable. College officials are continually monitoring global developments and will update this guidance as needed. Please check Global Education online at www.noc.edu/ge.

With these circumstances in mind, faculty-led study abroad programs are currently being planned for the 2021-2022 academic year, and we anticipate can begin after March 1, 2022; however, faculty/Staff international travel and short-term study abroad programs will be reviewed on a case by case basis considering a variety of health and safety parameters including current conditions in the destination country. Because conditions remain fluid, both in terms of access to overseas destinations for US travelers and the evolving infection rates, the College reserves the right to cancel programs that have been previously approved.

INSTRUCTION AND LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

The following course formats were available in 2020-2021 and will continue to “**as a contingency**” for 2021-2022 with CDC guidelines reviewed on an ongoing basis. Employees and students are encouraged to follow CDC recommendations and become fully vaccinated so that we can continue to offer a safe campus environment.

- Faculty members may use a combination of methods (e.g., face-to-face/ITV instruction, recorded course lectures and discussions, online assignments, synchronous video conference meetings, projection to an alternative ITV room, projects) to achieve this aim.
- Students enrolled in in-person courses who must self-isolate due to primary exposure or active symptoms should contact instructors **PRIOR** to class time to request shifting to online live access from home.
- For the purpose of the institutional attendance policy, in-person and online live attendance will be considered as equivalent. Students enrolled in courses with either of these formats who are not able to attend should contact instructors as soon as possible and provide documentation for any urgent medical issues that prevent attendance so that they may be given alternative opportunities to access course content. Attendance must be taken for all classes as it may be needed for contact tracing and federal financial aid purposes.
- Students who are enrolled in online live sections may meet attendance requirements with virtual attendance if they have the required computer camera and microphone and demonstrate they are engaged in the class, following the same rules for in-person participation as set by the instructor. Students who are not enrolled in an online live section who must miss due to documented school-related or medical absence can access equivalent

course content either through material posted online or a Zoom link set up for temporary virtual attendance, provided the request to the instructor is made the day prior. All other attendance via Zoom is at instructor discretion.

- Whenever possible, class sessions should be recorded and recordings posted online to provide access for students unable to attend due to documented health concerns. Where recording is not possible, material may be posted online to provide students access to missed content.
- Codes of student conduct apply to online live sections just as they do to in-person classes, including dress code appropriate for a classroom setting.
- Students should connect to their courses away from children and others not enrolled in the course to avoid disruptions and to ensure content is appropriate for all listening (e.g. criminal justice issues that may not be age appropriate for children).
- Personal home backgrounds must not have offensive visuals (e.g. signs, clothing) visible to the computer camera.

Note: some courses may offer a combination of formats (e.g. face-to-face or online live depending on the students' location).

In-Person Classes	Live Online Classes	Online Classes
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Courses meet at designated times on one of NOC's campuses. - Instructors are available for live instruction and office hours to assist with classroom questions, tutoring, and/or advisement. - Institutional attendance requirements must be met. - Students interact with the instructor and other students in the classroom setting and may engage with peers and staff in other social settings, including through clubs and organizations while maintaining social distancing. - A selection of coursework (including most labs, Fine Arts classes, HPER classes, and other coursework for which activities rely more on face-to-face instruction will be offered in this format with a contingency plan in place to move to online should CDC safety standards require.) - Social distancing guidelines will be applied with assigned seating to limit risk. - As needed for distancing, courses such as lab 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Courses meet at designated times (synchronous) but students access courses through clicking on a Zoom link. - Students may request appointments via Zoom during instructor office hours. - Institutional attendance requirements are met by students connecting during scheduled class time or in some cases with in-person attendance with social distancing guidelines followed. - Students are able to see the instructor and most classmates on the computer screen in individual windows, and instructors can share their teaching screens with students to see what would have been on whiteboards in traditional class settings. - Students interact with the instructor and other students online during real class time, engage in classroom discussion to ask questions of the instructor or other students, and can use the Chat function to post questions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Courses are taught through the Blackboard learning management site, where instructors may post any of the following: course notes, class videos, assignment sheets, etc. - Institutional attendance requirements are met by students submitting work and participating in online discussions. - Students have deadlines throughout the course but do have some flexibility in when to access materials and complete assignments. - Students do not typically interact with the instructor or other students in real time, but may use online tools such as the discussion board for online interaction and be asked to read and respond to classmates' posts. - Instructors are available via email for questions about course material. - For lab science courses, all labs will be either virtual or "complete at home." <p>Technology needed: Computer with reliable WiFi</p>
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<p>sciences will alternate days of attendance and virtual labs.</p> <p>Technology needed: Computer with reliable WiFi</p>	<p>- For lab science courses, labs may be integrated into class as a virtual or “complete at home” option, or students may be required to attend an onsite lab session as noted in schedule.</p> <p>Technology needed: Computer with camera and mic and reliable WiFi</p>	
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Library

The Library will operate at normal business hours. Furniture in public spaces will be arranged to ensure appropriate social distancing with barriers or shields added in shared computer stations.

CAMPUS LIFE FACILITIES

Residence Halls (Enid/Tonkawa)

The student housing plan includes increased frequency of cleaning, acquisition of specialized disinfecting equipment, and dedicated spaces reserved for student isolation and/or quarantine, if necessary.

The following is a list of protocols to continue to provide safety for our students for the spring 2022 semester:

- When completing the housing application, students who self-disclose their proof of vaccinations may be housed with like students in college housing.
- Appropriate social distancing must be used at all times in the residence halls.
- We strongly recommend you wash your hands for a minimum of 20 seconds regularly. We also encourage residents to clean and disinfect your room often as well as commonly touched surfaces in your suites.
- Residents are responsible for cleaning their own personal space and are required to empty their trash in the trash receptacles located outside the buildings. No resident trash may be placed in common area trash cans such as bathrooms and lobbies.
- Perform a self-screening each morning before arriving on campus. Temperature must be less than 100.4° F/38° C. <https://www.noc.edu/assets/uploads/sites/740/2022/01/NOC-Self-Assessment-Checklist-Updated-1.5.2022.pdf>
- Temperature checks will be provided upon request from the residence hall director. We recommend that students bring a personal thermometer with them.
- Resident Hall Students may isolate or quarantine at home whenever possible; however, if isolation/quarantine measures are implemented and the student does not go home, arrangements will be made for a separate isolation/quarantine location while the student continues to take classes via alternative delivery methods. Students should not fly or use public transportation to return home.
- If you are in isolation and/or quarantined on campus, arrangements for delivered meals will be provided by the housing staff via NOC Food Services. Delivered meals will be charged to your meal plan accordingly.

NOC Food Services (Enid/Tonkawa)

NOC has contracted with Aladdin Dining for food services and catering in Enid and Tonkawa. In addition to Aladdin's COVID-19 Response Plan, food services should follow the current NOC Pandemic Response Guidelines in place. Campus facilities are also open to the public for rentals allowing non-college events back on campus, i.e., civic club meetings, reunions, weddings, day camps, banquets. Food services and catering options are available through Aladdin Dining based on the current pandemic guidelines in place at that time.

Taking into consideration CDC's recent guidance on masking and social distancing, Oklahoma State law, the state of the COVID-19 pandemic in Oklahoma, and the increasing weekly NOC updates showing positive cases, the college strongly encourages masking and physical/social distancing for all individuals in high-density indoor settings, such as sporting events in fieldhouses, concerts and plays in the auditoriums and large community events in banquet halls. **Capacity will be reduced to ensure possibility of physical distancing, no more than 70% of maximum indoor facility seating.**



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Wellness Center (Tonkawa)

The wellness center in Tonkawa will be open to members of the public and paid memberships, employees, and students from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Sunday for the spring semester. Operation of the wellness center or access to is subject to change.

At the beginning of the Pandemic, NOC proactively froze all Wellness Center memberships when the center closed to the public and upon reopening, NOC will reactivate and extend existing memberships accounting for the time the facility was closed.

Patrons are responsible for cleaning equipment before and after use as well as encouraged to still bring their own water bottles.

Colvin Center (Stillwater)

<https://go.okstate.edu/coronavirus/campus-reopening-plan/plan-at-a-glance/campus-life-facilities/colvin-recreation-center.html>

ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES, EVENTS AND SERVICES

All college related activities and events, both on campus and off, should follow the current NOC Pandemic Response Guidelines in place.

Campus facilities are also open to the public for rentals allowing non-college events back on campus, i.e., civic club meetings, reunions, weddings, day camps, banquets. Food services and catering options are available through Aladdin Dining based on the current pandemic guidelines in place at that time.

Taking into consideration CDC's recent guidance on masking and social distancing, Oklahoma State law, the state of the COVID-19 pandemic in Oklahoma, and the increasing weekly NOC updates showing positive cases, the college strongly encourages masking and physical/social distancing for all individuals in high-density indoor settings, such as sporting events in fieldhouses, concerts and plays in the auditoriums and large community events in banquet halls. **Capacity will be reduced to**

ensure possibility of physical distancing, no more than 70% of maximum indoor facility seating.

NORTHERN OKLAHOMA COLLEGE AGRICULTURE TEAMS' **PROCEDURES FOR COVID-19**

Northern Oklahoma College agriculture teams should follow the current NOC Pandemic Response Guidelines in place.

NORTHERN OKLAHOMA COLLEGE DEPARTMENT OF FINE ARTS

Northern Oklahoma College Department of Fine Arts should follow the current NOC Pandemic Response Guidelines in place.

Photography guidelines during the pandemic

Photography guidelines should follow the current NOC Pandemic Response Guidelines in place.

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS PROGRAM

The following are specific guidelines for basketball, baseball, softball, soccer and cheer. NOC policies and guidelines must be followed at all times. For updated Spring 2022 team schedules, visit our athletic websites at www.nocjets.com and www.nocmavs.com.

2021-22 COVID-19 Update

- The NJCAA is projected to move forward with all sports as scheduled for the 2021-22 academic year beginning August 1. Any regular season COVID-19 guidelines, restrictions, or policies for practices, scrimmages, or competition may be made at the discretion of the member college, conference, and/or region while adhering to local and state guidelines.
- The NJCAA will continue to monitor and evaluate any COVID-19 policies or procedures in regards to postseason and national championship competition.
- Further updates regarding COVID-19 policies and procedures will be shared during the regular season and/or prior to postseason competition as needed.

SPECIAL NOTES

- All championship dates are subject to change based on championship facility availability.
- In the NJCAA, a scrimmage is athletic competition against any outside team or individual that is not an official contest or practice. Scrimmages must meet the NJCAA scrimmage definition defined in Article VII, Section 2.B and may not include more than two outside opponents.
- Official eligibility must be filed in accordance with the national bylaws prior to the first competition.
- For questions, please contact: Alan Foster, Athletic Director at alan.foster@noc.edu.

REGION 2 COVID-19 PROTOCOLS & POLICIES FOR Region II 2021-22 **Recommendations**

Social Distancing

- Social distancing is to be encouraged at all times (Three (3) feet at a minimum).
- Consider limiting staff to only essential personnel.
- Consider the capacity of rooms/buildings and consider a reduction in this number.
- Following competition, teams will leave without shaking hands, but an acceptable alternative gesture while social distancing such as wave or non-contact high five is acceptable.
- In all common areas, seating should be spaced three (3) feet apart. Large social gatherings in any spaces should be discouraged.

- Student athletes encouraged to sit every other seat on a bench and should avoid using a dugout when possible.
- Fans, staff, and other event attendees are encouraged to wear face masks.
- Athletes encouraged to limit contact with spectators when possible.
- Athletes encouraged to wear face mask when feasible.

Sanitization

- All equipment and locker rooms should be cleaned between each individual use.
- Hand sanitizer should be made available throughout the facility

Requirements

Team Travel

- Athletes with symptoms related to illness will not be allowed to board transportation or travel to away competition.
- Traveling teams will be asked to abide by the policies in place of the host, including what facilities are available and guidelines of use per specific facility at the time of competition.

Game Management Personnel/Officials

- Whistle with covers/bags/shields are preferred. Electronic whistles are permissible.
- Eye protection may be worn and must be shatterproof goggles or glasses.
- Gloves may be worn and must be unadorned.

In/Post Game

- When possible, limit all contact between teams. This includes any contact not required by that sport.
- Teams will immediately exit the venue so game management personnel can begin the disinfection process.
- Host team will be required to provide water and disposable cups or bottles for visiting team.
- All attending event should enter and exit facilities utilizing designated doors only.
- Teams encouraged not to shake hands after the game; instead a wave or non-contact gesture can be substituted.

Post Season Competition

- Member colleges will adhere to all state and local regulations and guidelines regarding food service for concessions and hospitality rooms
- Championship host will follow all safety protocol recommendations provided to NJCAA member colleges for regular-season competition.
- Host should encourage social distancing and directional signage in venue.

Team minimums

The following are established as minimums. Member institutions may supersede this bylaw and compete with fewer numbers if so desired as long as the “healthy” athletes are not involved in contact tracing or have a positive COVID test.

- BASKETBALL – Teams must have seven healthy players to compete. Teams with six or fewer players due to positive tests or contact tracing will not be able to participate, resulting in a no-contest.
- BASEBALL – Teams must have 20 healthy players to compete. To include 8 Pitchers and 1 Catcher. Teams with 19 or fewer players due to positive tests or contract tracing will not be able to participate, resulting in a no-contest.
- SOFTBALL – Teams must have 13 healthy players to compete. To include 2 Pitchers and 2 Catchers. Teams with 12 or fewer player due to positive test or contract tracing will not be able to participate, resulting in a no-contest.
- SOCCER – Teams must have 13 healthy players to compete. Teams with 13 or fewer players due to positive test or contract tracing will not be able to participate, resulting in a no-contest.

Testing

- Any vaccinated athlete who has been exposed through the contact tracing process and is exhibiting no symptoms has no restrictions.

- Local institutional guidelines will supersede Region 2 protocols if they are more stringent.
- All institutional guidelines will be observed by visiting teams, which means, if visiting athletes have not observed the institutional guidelines of the host institution, those athletes will not be allowed to participate in the scheduled games
- Everyone who has presumed or confirmed COVID-19 should isolate for at least 5 full days (day 0 is the first day of symptoms or the date of the day of the positive viral test for asymptomatic persons. They should wear a mask when around others at home and in public for an additional 5 days. This includes:
 - o People who have a positive viral test for COVID-19, regardless of whether or not they have symptoms.
 - o People with symptoms of COVID-19, including people who are awaiting test results or have not been tested.
- It is highly recommended to have exposed athletes tested.
- If an athlete tests positive within 5 days from a contest, the athlete must disclose the positive test to the coach who must inform the opposing team(s) within 24 hours of receiving the positive test results.

The recommendations and requirements in this document apply to all region play

Plans for the Operation of Northern Oklahoma College in preparation for, and during the 2021-2022 academic year are subject to change based on current COVID-19 conditions. NOC protocols are effective until amended in writing. Announcements and updated information will be posted when they are available on the college website at <http://www.noc.edu/emergency/>.