St. Louis Christian College Campus Reopening Plan

Due to the uncertainty of another outbreak of COVID-19 and the affects this would have on our Fall 2020 semester, St. Louis Christian College is taking steps to mitigate potential issues relating to a COVID-19 outbreak on campus. While the potential risk for COVID-19 across the nation remains high, we believe the potential for spread on campus is minimal. We will use the following decision tree from the CDC to assist guiding our response. Although this plan reflects our current intentions for the coming semester, it is subject to change depending upon changes in the circumstances associated with the pandemic.

Procedures for no COVID-19 cases on campus

We currently do not have any suspected or known COVID-19 cases on campus, however we still have a number of cases in the county. We took a number of mitigation steps last spring with the onset of the virus. Hand sanitizing stations were added in Keystone and Presidents Hall, posters were placed in the restrooms encouraging proper hand-washing, access to campus buildings was restricted, through cleaning of buildings and residence halls occurred, and classrooms and chapel seating were reduced. We will continue these steps this fall along with the following based on guidance from the CDC, and restrictions from the State of Missouri and the St. Louis County Department of Public Health. Changes in procedures may be made or additional steps may be added as conditions warrant.
1. Day class schedule is moved ahead two weeks. Moving the semester forward two weeks results in two weeks of warmer weather and, in theory, a healthier environment. Sending students home only once during the fall semester for an extended break lessens the potential of exposure during travel. Evening classes are moved to remote learning via Zoom.

2. Posters are placed across campus encouraging students, staff and faculty to wear face coverings and maintain a 6’ distance between individuals.

3. Cloth facemasks have been purchased for all on campus students. Students, staff, and faculty will wear face coverings indoors (with the exception of a dorm room) when required by the St. Louis County Health Department. It is highly recommended students, staff, and faculty wear their face covering in class, in chapel, in the hallways, in the weight room, and when visiting offices even if not required by the health department.

4. Face coverings are highly recommended outdoors if you cannot maintain 6’ physical distance.

5. Chapel seating has been marked to encourage 6’ distancing between individuals.

6. Classroom limits have been made to encourage physical distancing. The number of people allowed in a classroom is limited to the number of chairs placed in a room. At no time will there be more than 21 people, including the instructor, in a classroom.

7. Cleaning supplies have been placed in all classrooms and faculty will spray down tables after each class. Cleaning staff will disinfect surfaces at the end of each day.

8. Hand-sanitizer has been placed in all classrooms, dormitories, and public areas.

9. Disinfectant has been placed in the weight room.

10. Cafeteria and coffee shop seating is limited to promote proper physical distancing. Tables will be cleaned after each use. 6’ spacing will be maintained.

11. Computer workstations in the library and Student Achievement Center are limited. Cleaning supplies will be used by library and achievement center staff to wipe down keyboards, mouse, and desks after each use.

12. Our cleaning company contract has been expanded to include cleaning and disinfecting restrooms and kitchens in our dormitories.

13. The campus and all buildings remain closed to all but essential visitors. All visitors must register with Security or the reception office, state who they are visiting, and the length of time they plan to be on campus for possible contact tracing. Visitors must wear face coverings while on campus. Visitors must log into our health-screening app and make the appropriate choice. If ill, visitors are not allowed to remain on campus. Visitors are subject to having their temperature checked.

14. No overnight guests are allowed on campus.

15. All campus facilities; including library, bookstore, coffee shop, weight room and gymnasium; are only open for use by students, staff, faculty, and spouses.

16. Large gatherings on campus will follow the county’s guidelines.

17. Staff and faculty must log into our health-screening app daily and make the appropriate choice. If they are ill or show any possible symptoms of flu or COVID-19, they are not allowed on campus.
18. Students must do a daily self-health assessment before leaving the dormitory and log into the health-screening app daily. If they are ill or show any possible symptoms of flu or COVID-19, they must not leave the dormitory and return to their dorm room. They must notify their resident director, instructors, and VP of Academics via email they are ill.

19. Any student, staff, or faculty who becomes sick (with any illness) on campus or arrives on campus sick will be sent to their place of residence (e.g., on campus room or apartment, home) as soon as possible. Sick individuals must remain separate from well individuals until they can leave. Sick residents of on campus housing with no identified COVID-19 symptoms and who are not believed to have been exposed to COVID-19 should avoid contact with well individuals while sick.

**Procedures when a confirmed case of COVID-19 has been identified on campus**

We must be prepared for the unlikely event we have a confirmed case of COVID-19 on campus this fall. If there is a possible or confirmed case of COVID-19 on campus, these following steps will be taken in addition to the steps listed above.

1. Students with COVID-19 like symptoms will be moved temporarily out of the dormitory to an apartment in the married housing unit and quarantined. No visitors are allowed. Food will be brought to the apartment and left outside the door.
2. Student must arrange for immediate testing and remain quarantined while tests are pending.
3. Resident Directors will coordinate with the student for travel to doctors’ visits and testing. It is the student’s responsibility to cover any costs for doctors’ visits and testing.
4. If a student tests positive for COVID-19, the student will be sent home to isolate unless unable to do so.
5. Local health officials will be notified if we have an active case of COVID-19 on campus. We will work closely with our local health officials to determine if a short-term closure (for 2-5 days) of any or all campus buildings and facilities is needed. This initial short-term class suspension and event cancellation allows time for local health officials to gain a better understanding of the COVID-19 situation impacting the school. Then local health officials will help us determine appropriate next steps, including whether an extended duration of closure is needed to stop or slow further spread of COVID-19.
6. A list of those people in close contact with the ill student will be shared with local health officials if requested for possible contact tracing and screening.
7. Students, staff, and faculty will be discouraged from gathering or socializing anywhere during this initial closure. This includes on campus as well as gathering at places like a friend’s house, a favorite restaurant, or church service. Cafeteria meals will be grab-and-go.
8. Deep cleaning of buildings and residence halls will occur.
9. If it is determined to be in the best interest of the campus community, the campus will be closed for the remainder of the semester and all classes moved to remote learning. Students will be required to vacate the campus and return home.