



Dean of Students Office

Covid-19 Policies to Prevent, Respond, and Mitigate

Prevent: Practices to Prevent the Virus from Entering the School

Screening:

STH will require students, teachers, and staff to use the Luminare QuickScreen COVID-19 system to self-screen each day before coming onto campus. Additionally, all approved visitors will be required to self-screen prior to entering the building. After completing the self-screen, the Luminare QuickScreen system will provide you with a green, yellow, or red screen. Any individual who receives a yellow or red screen should not come on campus. Students' parents must immediately contact the Dean of Students Office and Faculty and Staff should immediately notify their supervisor and Michael White, HR Coordinator.

Individuals Confirmed or Suspected with Covid-19:

1. Any individuals who themselves either: (a) are test-confirmed to have COVID-19; or (b) experience the symptoms of COVID-19 (listed below) must stay at home throughout the infection period, and cannot return to campus until the school screens the individual to determine any of the below conditions for campus re-entry have been met:
 - In the case of an individual who is symptomatic and is diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to school when all three of the following criteria are met:
 - i. at least one day (24 hours) has passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications);
 - ii. the individual has improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and
 - iii. at least ten days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
 - In the case of an individual that is asymptomatic but has received a positive COVID-19 test result, the individual may not return to the campus until ten days have passed since a positive test.
 - In the case of an individual who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and who is not evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, such individual is assumed to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to the campus until the individual has completed the same three-step set of criteria listed above.
 - If the individual has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to school before completing the above stay at home period, the individual must either (a) obtain a medical

- professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis, though for health privacy reasons the note does not need to indicate what the alternative diagnosis is, or (b) obtain an acute infection test (at a physician's office, approved testing location, or other site) that comes back negative for COVID-19.
- If the individual has tested positive for COVID-19 and believes the test was a false positive, and wants to return to school before completing the above stay at home period, the individual must either (a) obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis, though for health privacy reasons the note does not need to indicate what the alternative diagnosis is, or (b) obtain two PCR acute infection tests (at a physician's office, approved testing location, or other site) at least 24 hours apart that come back negative for COVID-19.

Close Contact with an Individual Lab-confirmed for Covid-19:

This document refers to "close contact" with an individual who is test-confirmed to have COVID-19. In general, close contact is defined as:

- a. being directly exposed to infectious secretions (e.g., being coughed on); or
- b. being within 6 feet for a total of approximately 15 minutes throughout the course of a day; however, additional factors like case/contact masking (i.e., both the infectious individual and the potential close contact have been consistently and properly masked), ventilation, presence of dividers, and case symptomology may affect this determination.

Either (a) or (b) defines close contact if it occurred during the infectious period of the case, defined as two days prior to symptom onset to 10 days after symptom onset. In the case of asymptomatic individuals who are test-confirmed with COVID-19, the infectious period is defined as two days prior to the confirming test and continuing for 10 days following the confirming test.

Stay-at-Home Period for Close Contacts of Individuals Who Tested Positive:

For individuals who are close contacts to individuals who tested positive, a 14-day stay-at-home period was previously advised by the CDC based on the incubation period of the virus.

As of December 2, 2020, the CDC amended their guidance to allow two shorter options for the stay-at-home period. Based on current CDC guidance, the stay-at-home period can end for individuals experiencing no symptoms:

- On Day 10 after close contact exposure without testing or
- On Day 7 after close contact exposure and after receiving a negative test result (test taken on Day 7)

If individuals return to school from these shorter stay-at-home windows, they should regularly monitor themselves for symptoms to ensure they remain symptom-free and take appropriate precautions (e.g., more consistent mask usage) for the duration of the 14-day incubation period.

Possible Covid-19 Cases on Campus:

Students who are feeling ill should report directly to the Dean of Students Office. If the student is in class, the teacher should send the student, with their belongings, directly to the Dean of Students Office.

An immediate temperature check will be performed on any individual feeling feverish as well as an assessment of symptoms to determine if they are symptomatic. Symptomatic individuals will be separated from contact with others and sent home. The school will clean any areas used by the individual as soon as is feasible. The area will be closed off if cleaning cannot be done immediately.

Respond: Practices to Respond to a Lab-Confirmed Case in the School

Required Actions if Individuals with Lab-Confirmed Cases Have Been in a School:

The local health department will be notified; areas used by the individual will be closed off until disinfected. All teachers, staff, and families will be notified. An attempt will be made to contact individuals who have come into close contact (as defined above) with the lab-confirmed, infected individual.

Mitigate: Practices to Mitigate the Likelihood of Covid-19 Spread Inside the School

Health and Hygiene Practices:

Hand sanitizer stations/containers will be placed at each entrance and in every office and classroom.

All individuals will be encouraged to sanitize and/or wash hands frequently and to cover all coughs and wash hands afterward.

The school will be cleaned and disinfected each day after school.

Teachers may require students to clean their desks between class periods.

Teachers who share a classroom or office space should establish cleaning and disinfecting protocols between or among those sharing the space.

Teachers/staff should open windows throughout campus where possible.

All water fountains will be disabled.

All individuals will be required to wear face masks from the time they exit their vehicles upon arrival to the time they enter their vehicles to leave campus. The only exceptions are when a student is eating, drinking, or engaged in physical activities in athletics or P.E.

Gaiter-style face coverings are not allowed. Masks should be N-95, KN-95, surgical, or double-layered cloth masks. The masks should cover the nose and mouth completely at all times, and should be bound behind the ears or around the head.

Teachers and staff will encourage students to practice social distancing when not in class. Where social distancing cannot be enforced, more hand sanitizing and increased flow of outside air should take place.

Use of Non-Classroom Spaces:

Please refer to the separate policy addressing meetings and events.

The Dean of Students Office will work with other departments to plan for campus entry and exit supervision, lunchtime procedures and supervision, and before and after school policies and supervision. The goal throughout this planning and execution process will be the maintenance of standards of social distancing, personal hygiene, and disinfecting after use.

There will be a transportation plan to facilitate and require social distancing, personal hygiene practices, the wearing of face masks and the cleaning and disinfecting of buses.

Visitors to St. Thomas:

Visits will be restricted primarily to those essential to the operation of the school, as determined by the administration. Approved visitors will follow all of the virus mitigation and prevention policies of the school.