ECU Community Expectations

By working together, we can keep Pirate Nation safe for a successful Spring 2022 semester. Remember, #PiratesProtectPirates.

Note: These expectations will be updated in accordance with local, state and federal guidance as needed.

Vaccination and Testing

• All individuals participating in on-campus activities, including employees and students, must be compliant with ECU’s Community Expectations, which require one of the following:
  o Proof that the individual is vaccinated with an FDA or WHO approved vaccine, or
  o Compliance with ECU’s reentry and/or surveillance testing program, or
  o Proof that the individual has tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 90 days.

• Vaccinations and boosters are strongly encouraged as the best defense against severe illness. Vaccinations and boosters are available on campus for faculty, staff and students. Vaccination status can be recorded through MyPIRATEChart (students) or by emailing covidvaccination@ecu.edu (employees).

Masks

• ECU requires face coverings in all indoor spaces on campus for students, faculty, staff and visitors, unless:
  o You are alone in a private, enclosed residence hall room, apartment or office with the door closed.
  o You are in an enclosed indoor space where only household members are present; for example, residence hall roommates.
  o You are actively eating or drinking.

On ECU’s campus, face coverings are not required outdoors for vaccinated individuals, but masks are encouraged, especially in large crowds. Anyone who has not been fully vaccinated should continue wearing a face covering outdoors. Face coverings are required on ECU Transit buses. Vaccinated faculty may remove their masks while teaching if 3-6 feet of physical distance is maintained.

Symptoms and Exposure

• When sick, stay home from work or class. Before coming to work or class, self-assess your health for these symptoms identified by the CDC. If you have symptoms, do not attend work or class, and contact your medical provider. Students should fill out the COVID-19 Self Reporting Form in Pirate Port and notify their instructor; employees should notify their supervisor.
• Follow appropriate surveillance testing protocols. This includes reentry and regular surveillance testing for unvaccinated students, faculty and staff as determined by ECU.

• Follow all directions given by university officials and public health authorities. This includes directions related to testing, contact tracing, and adhering to isolation and quarantine requirements if you have been diagnosed with COVID-19, have possible COVID-19 symptoms, or have been deemed a close contact of someone diagnosed with COVID-19.

• ECU is following updated Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance for COVID-19 isolation and quarantine, issued on Dec. 27, 2021. The university has a Guidance for Quarantine and Isolation flowchart to help answer questions.

Gatherings and Hygiene

• With the rapid spread of the COVID-19 Omicron variant, the COVID Coordination Committee has updated its guidance for gatherings.

• Practice good hand hygiene. Wash hands frequently, for 20 seconds at a time. If soap and water are not readily available, use alcohol-based sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol.

• Follow signage or requirements when directed, including signage directing traffic flow through building entrances, exits, elevators and other common areas to reduce density. Individual activities and facilities may have more specific requirements based upon the unique risks presented.

Pirates Protect Pirates

All students (including student organizations), faculty and staff are expected to follow these expectations both on and off campus when engaged in university activities. These community expectations — as well as all other rules, practices and guidelines ECU has implemented to reduce the risk of COVID-19 — are supplemental and in addition to university policies, regulations and rules already in place.

Failure to follow these community expectations or any other university policy or guidance related to COVID-19 health and safety, on or off campus, may lead to administrative and/or disciplinary action. Violations of state or local laws, ordinances or executive orders are also subject to criminal citations or penalties. See the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities COVID-19 webpage for more information about requirements and sanctions for violating community expectations.

Although ECU has instituted many reasonable practices to lessen or reduce the risk of spread of COVID-19, ECU cannot guarantee that you will never be exposed to or get sick from the virus, and ECU cannot guarantee a COVID-19-free environment. In addition, the COVID-19 pandemic could cause further interruption to academic and campus activities and operations. We also don’t know all of the long-term effects of COVID-19, and we
acknowledge it is possible to contract COVID-19 even when following safety precautions recommended by government authorities, agencies, and university policies and practices. But what we can do together is to try to keep ourselves and our community healthy, slow the spread and do our part to protect our Pirates.

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