Fall 2021 Planning Subgroup Report  
Public Health and Safety

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Guidelines and Resources

- NCDHHS Interim Guidance for Higher Education  
  https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/media/484/open
- Reopening Campus - The Chronicles
- The COVID Precautions Colleges Should Take This Fall- The Chronicles of Higher Education  
  https://www.chronicle.com/article/the-covid-precautions-colleges-should-take-this-fall
• ACHA Guidelines Considerations for Reopening Institutions of Higher Education for the Fall Semester 2021
• Guidance from UNC System Office

Summary of Key Planning Elements

General Public Health Protocols
• Face Coverings
  • Require face coverings indoors in spaces specified in ECU Community Expectations. The face-covering requirement will be reevaluated on or before September 15, 2021.
• Sanitation Stations and Cleaning Supplies for Classrooms and Buildings
  • Facilities will ensure there are sanitation stations (wipes/cleaners) readily available for faculty to clean between classes.

COVID-19 Testing
• Reentry Testing
  • All Campus Living residents will be required to participate in reentry testing
  • Students in experiential learning will be required to participate in reentry testing prior to beginning internships
  • Individuals are in compliance with testing requirements if:
    • They test when required, or
    • They are fully vaccinated with an FDA emergency use authorized or WHO approved vaccine, or
    • They have had a diagnosis of COVID-19 in the past 90 days.

• Routine Testing
  • Will be required for on-campus ECU Community members (including Campus Living residents, students taking in-person classes, faculty, and staff)
  • Individuals are in compliance with testing requirements if:
    • They test when required, or
    • They are fully vaccinated with an FDA emergency use authorized or WHO approved vaccine, or
    • They have had a diagnosis of COVID-19 in the past 90 days.
  • Fifty percent of Campus Living residents will be tested weekly
  • Athletic testing per conference and NCAA rules

Contact Tracing
• This program will continue with Kelli Russell as the lead.
• Will continue with PCHD Tracer, SHS Health Promotion project manager, Public Health interns and ECU staff
Other Surveillance
• *Wastewater Testing*
  • Will continue in residence halls
  • Will resume August 10, 2021
• *Medcat My Pirate Chart Application*
  • Will use this to communicate compliance with campus community members

Admissions (recruitments, orientations, international students, etc.)
• Orientation and tours will follow guidelines per executive orders and ECU protocols
• Will offer in-person tours in the fall and in-person office hours

Travel, Visitors, and Visiting Scholars
• *Domestic Travel*
  • Allowed based upon university travel guidelines
  • COVID-19 testing, isolation and quarantine requirements will be based on current CDC guidelines
• *International Travel (Including incoming/outgoing students, faculty, staff and visitors)*
  • Will be required to follow CDC guidelines for international travelers
  • Should work with the protocol set forth by the ECU Office of Global Affairs
• *Visitors*
  • Will be required to follow safety protocols set forth by the university
• *Contract Workers*
  • Contract workers will be required to have COVID-19 protocols in place and should be discussed with the Associate Vice Chancellor for Campus Safety and Auxiliary Services
  • These protocols should include safety measures and information for contact tracing as needed

Gatherings and Events
• Departments and campus organizations planning events will be encouraged to follow the guidelines for gatherings set forth by university guidelines.
• Planning committees should complete a safety plan for each event, outlining the type of event, safety measures needed, PPE required/recommended. Completed plans should go to Central Reservations
• The planning committee for events should have a plan for identifying all those who are participating in the event if possible to ensure contact tracing can take place as needed.

Isolation and Quarantine
• The university will continue to offer on-campus isolation and quarantine space for Campus Living residents
• Isolation and Quarantine space on campus can be arranged for students who reside off-campus for a fee and if space is available
• Students in Isolation and Quarantine will continue to be monitored by SHS

**Detailed Planning Elements**

**General Public Health Protocols**
- ECU requires face coverings in the following **indoor situations** to protect against a possible COVID-19 surge upon return to full density on campus:
  - Classrooms, teaching laboratories, studios, and other spaces where instruction occurs, unless a safety plan has been submitted and an approved exception has been issued,
  - Any indoor setting where social distancing of at least three feet cannot be maintained, and
  - Spaces identified per the current Governor’s Executive Order.
  On ECU’s campus, no face covering is required outdoors. All unvaccinated individuals are encouraged to wear a face covering outdoors when social distancing of at least three feet cannot be maintained. This face-covering requirement will be re-evaluated on or before September 15, 2021.
- Sanitation stations and cleaning supplies for classrooms and buildings will continue to be available throughout university facilities.
- Monitoring symptoms of employees and students using daily symptom texts and emails will be discontinued.
- Facilities and classrooms will be cleaned routinely with emphasis on high touch areas. Sanitation wipes and cleaners will be available for faculty to clean between classes.

**COVID-19 Testing**

**Reentry Testing**
- All Campus Living residents will be required to be in compliance with reentry testing.
  - Testing will be held the week of move-in. Students will be required to be tested when they arrive to campus to move in. SHS staff will be available for testing during move-in times. Students will be tested with PCR testing.
  - Students may be tested at an outside facility and present results to SHS staff at move in. SHS staff will be available during move-in to sign off on results. Tests done at an outside facility must be performed August 15 or later.
  - Students may present vaccination cards at move-in. Students who are fully vaccinated will not be required to test for reentry. Those who are two weeks out from completing a 2-step COVID-19 vaccination or two weeks after 1-step COVID vaccination are considered fully vaccinated.
  - Students who have documentation of COVID-19 infection in the 90 days prior to move-in will not be required to test. Students may bring this documentation to move-in. SHS staff will be onsite to accept documentation.
• SHS staff will be available for vaccinations at move-in and drop-off.
• Students in experiential learning will be required to participate in reentry testing prior to beginning internships no more than one week prior to beginning field placement.

Testing compliance:
• Individuals are in compliance with testing requirements if:
  ▪ They test when required, or
  ▪ They are fully vaccinated with an authorized FDA emergency use or WHO approved vaccine, or
  ▪ Have had a diagnosis of COVID-19 in the past 90 days.

Surveillance
• Routine surveillance testing will be required for on-campus ECU community members including Campus Living residents, students taking in-person classes, faculty, and staff.
  ▪ Campus Living residence hall students will be required to participate in bi-monthly testing. Fifty percent of Campus Living will be tested weekly. Testing schedules will be communicated to residents by the Campus Living Coordinator.
  ▪ Random testing of individuals working (ROSE employees) on campus and attending in-person classes will be performed weekly. Individuals will be notified through email that testing is due one week prior to the week their testing is due. This email message will contain where and when testing will be conducted.
    ▪ Messaging about testing – Individuals will receive an email the week prior to testing, the Monday of the week they are to test, the Wednesday of the week of testing, and the Friday of testing. On the Monday after the test is due, they will receive notification they are out of compliance if they have not tested.
    ▪ At this time, for students who are not in compliance, One Cards will be deactivated until the individual complies.
    ▪ For staff who are noncompliant, processes outlined by Human Resources will take effect.
• Athletic testing will be per conference and NCAA rules
• Club sports will test per established testing protocols
• Individual programs may require testing and testing for individuals in these areas will be per program requirements.
• Individuals are in compliance with testing requirements if:
  ▪ Individuals test when required, or
  ▪ Individuals are fully vaccinated with an FDA emergency use authorized or WHO authorized vaccine, or
  ▪ Have had a diagnosis of COVID-19 in the past 90 days.

Contact Tracing
• ECU contact tracing protocol will continue through Fall 2021 in partnership with the Pitt County Health Department.
Other Surveillance
- Wastewater Testing
  - Will continue in residence halls
  - Will resume August 10, 2021
- Medcat My Pirate Chart Application
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COVID-19 Vaccinations
- Vaccinations will be available for students throughout the fall semester
- Large scale vaccination clinics will be available to the ECU community at the beginning of the semester and as boosters become available
- Vaccination appointments will be available through SHS center beginning fall 2021.

Admissions (recruitments, orientations, international students, etc.)
- Orientation/ tours will follow guidelines per executive orders and ECU protocols
- Will offer in-person tours in the fall and in-person office

Travel, visitors, and visiting scholars (including international)
- University sponsored travel
  - Those seeking university sponsored travel should receive permission from their vice chancellor or designee from their division.
  - Those individuals traveling domestically or internationally should follow CDC guidelines regarding travel.
- University sponsored group trips
  - Each individual traveling in a university sponsored trip should have a COVID-19 clearance 72 hours prior to leaving for the trip.
  - (COVID-19 clearance: individual is vaccinated, has a negative COVID test, has recovered from COVID in the past 90 days.)

International travel (Including incoming/outgoing students, faculty/staff, and visitors)
- Will be required to follow CDC guidelines for international travelers
- Should work with the protocol set forth by ECU’s Office of Global Affairs
  - Quarantine post travel – Per CDC guidelines
  - Testing pre/post arrival- Per CDC guidelines
  - International visitors should arrive 7-10 days prior to classes/orientations. Campus Living isolation and quarantine will be available to them for quarantine. Students with housing contracts will not have additional charges for isolation/quarantine housing. Students with off-campus housing may stay in isolation/quarantine housing for a nightly fee.
  - Testing will be available on arrival and day 6 by SHS or health care provider
• Individuals who are fully vaccinated with an FDA Emergency Authorized Vaccination or a WHO approved vaccination will follow the CDC guidelines for vaccinated international travelers at the time of travel.
• If international travelers have been vaccinated with a non-FDA approved vaccine:
  o International travelers vaccinated with a non-FDA approved or non-WHO approved vaccine and are at ECU to study and/or work on campus will be required to be in compliance with the testing requirements per the community expectations
  o People who are partially vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine series authorized for emergency use by WHO may be offered an FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccine series.
  o People who completed or partially completed a COVID-19 vaccine series with a vaccine that is not authorized by FDA or not authorized for emergency use by WHO may be offered an FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccine series.
  o Administration of an FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccine in these people should comply with all conditions of use specified under the EUA for the vaccine being used. The minimum interval between the last dose of a non-FDA authorized vaccine and an FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccine is 28 days.

**Visitors**
• Will be required to follow safety protocols set forth by the university

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