

Patrick & Henry Community College

Student Health Agreement

Patrick & Henry Community College is committed to ensuring a healthy and safe educational environment for all students and employees. In accordance with VCCS policy, P&HCC policy is to prevent the spread of communicable/contagious diseases through measures that focus on safety, prevention and education, and to provide continuity of education in the event of a contagious disease outbreak. The following policies were adopted in order to maintain a safe environment that is conducive to learning.

P&HCC is committed to:

1. Keeping educational interruptions to a minimum and helping students stay on track to complete their programs of study;
2. Providing hand sanitizers on campus;
3. Providing regular cleaning/disinfecting of common areas such as water fountains and restrooms;
4. Quickly responding to student concerns and/or questions as they may arise, and;
5. Adapt, adjust, or change procedures or policies to adhere to CDC, state, or federal policy/guidelines.

Student Expectations

Persons who know or who have reason to believe that they are infected with a contagious disease of public health significance/threat have an ethical and legal obligation to conduct themselves in accordance with such knowledge in order to protect themselves and others.

Students who feel unwell or display any symptoms of illness should not report to class and immediately advise their Instructor of their status.

Students with the symptoms of or a diagnosed contagious disease should promptly seek medical attention if they have a medical condition that puts them at increased risk of severe illness or are concerned about their general health.

Regarding illness symptoms, such as increased fever, shortness of breath, chest pain or pressure, or rapid breathing or similar patterns of symptoms, students should self-isolate at home or at a friend's or family member's home until at least 24 hours after they are free of fever, or signs of a fever, without the use of fever-reducing medicines.

Students will follow any face-covering mandates on campus or at clinical sites that are in effect. Failure to wear a face covering and required PPE while on campus or at clinical sites, when there are such requirements, may result in a student being asked to leave as well as possible dismissal from class.

Students will be prepared if this in-person class is moved online. In the event of a new outbreak or change in state guidelines, it is possible the class may be moved online, fully or partially. If the class is moved online, access to technology and internet with as little as 24 hours' notice may be required.

COVID 19: The student will contact their instructors (regardless of face-to-face or online modality) immediately. The student will quarantine for a minimum of 5 days after the positive test result. If, on the 5th day, the student has been without fever and fever reducing medication for 24 hours and/or with symptoms improving (if fever was not a symptom), the student may return to the classroom. It is strongly encouraged the student wears a mask for days 6-10 when in a public setting.

RECOMMENDATION: Students should sign up for the P&HCC Alert to receive school-wide bulletins and update TEXTS/EMAILS not only about closing, but other emergency information. For the latest emergency closing information, please sign up for PHCC Alert by visiting <http://alert.patrickhenry.edu>.