



Coronavirus Plan

About the Novel Coronavirus

- There are several different types of coronaviruses, some of which have been around for years. These are referred to as the Common Coronaviruses and usually cause symptoms similar to the common cold. Many of us have had common coronaviruses in the past and assumed we had the common cold, treated it as such, and recovered in a week or two.
- The Coronavirus that started in China in December is referred to as the Novel Coronavirus and it is a different strand form the Common Coronavirus.

Source: Centers for Disease Control (CDC)

Currently, there are no known cases of COVID-19 effecting Chattahoochee Valley Community College (CVCC). CVCC is monitoring COVID-19 in the region and has implemented several precautionary measures. **This is a fluid plan and may be updated based on the latest information from the CDC, the Alabama Department of Public Health, local officials, and the Alabama Community College System office.**

Prevention

- We will use the same precautions for the regular flu and other virus protection which is regular cleaning and disinfecting of restrooms, desks, computer keyboards, door knobs, water fountains and other frequently touched surfaces within the College.
- Out of the abundance of caution, the College will limit mass gatherings and activities involving large crowds.
- Thorough handwashing for at least 20 seconds is suggested before meals, after using the restrooms, when coughing or sneezing, when in direct contact with others, and whenever hands are visibly dirty.
- It is suggested that people keep a reasonable distance from each other and avoid touching others (handshaking).
- Educating students, faculty, and staff to avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth. Signs on campus and messaging through email and the College Web site will be the methods of communication.
- Use cough etiquette. Always cover cough or sneeze, with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash and thoroughly wash your hands immediately. If tissues aren't available, cough into the inside of the elbow.
- Hand sanitizer, with 60%-90% alcohol, may be used only when soap and water are not available.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick with flu-like symptoms. Those who display these symptoms should go home and remain home until all symptoms are gone for at least 24 hours.

If COVID-19 cases appear in the Russell County/ Chattahoochee Valley region:

- If a CVCC student or employee is diagnosed with COVID-19, they must stay home for the recommended 14-day period that they are considered to be contagious. Students should contact Dr. Tim Harrison, Dean of Students, at 334-291-4928 immediately to report COVID-19 related illnesses. All CVCC employees should contact their immediate supervisor.
- Any suspected cases will be immediately reported to the Russell County Health Department. COVID-19 is an immediately reportable disease.
- The College will notify all instructors and students who have come in contact with any student, faculty or staff **who test positive for COVID-19** so that they may be tested. Any student, faculty, or staff testing positive for COVID-19 must provide documentation reflecting they are cleared to return to class and/or work.

College Closure:

- College administrators will work with local health officials and the ACCS to make closure decisions. College closure will be determined based on the most up-to-date information about COVID-19 and specific cases that have impacted the community and/or College.
- If it is determined that the College must close, all instruction will be completed online. Instructors will post assignments (readings, videos, quizzes, research, etc.) for students in Blackboard.
- In the event of College closure, all athletics (practice and play) will be suspended until further notice.

For additional information regarding COVID-19, refer to the following links:

<http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/infectiousdiseases/2019-coronavirus.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/prevention.html>