

**University Policy 400.08**  
**STUDENT COVID-19 POLICY**

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**Policy Statement**

It is the policy of Claflin University to ensure the utmost safety of its students during the COVID-19 pandemic. This policy is in accordance with the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) recommendations that include student requirements in support of safety.

**Applicability**

This policy applies to all Claflin University students.

**TEMPERATURE CHECKS**

Temperature will be taken in the residence halls and at the entrances of the campus.

**FACE COVERINGS** (The terms face “coverings” and “masks” are used interchangeably.)

The Center for Disease Control recommends that people wear masks in public settings and when not around people in their household. Masks may help prevent people who have COVID-19 from spreading the virus to others. Additionally, masks are most likely to reduce the spread of COVID-19 when they are widely used by people in public settings.

Students at Claflin University are required to wear face masks as follows:

1. Outside of University buildings (e.g. sitting outside, talking with others, walking to and from classes).
2. In **all** indoor spaces to include areas in residence halls including an assigned room when a non-resident of the room is present, hallways, study rooms, laundry rooms, restrooms, and computer rooms.

**IDENTIFICATION LANYARDS**

University administration requires students who reside on the campus to wear their assigned lanyard at all times. This practice will provide a means of identification as well as help to ensure the safety of others; for example, that students have adhered to testing requirements.

## SOCIAL DISTANCING

Health officials recommend avoiding large gatherings and maintaining 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) from other people commonly referred to as "social distancing." Students should social distance **at all times**. Many areas of the campuses mark social distancing in accordance with social distancing requirements. "Despite distancing, we are not disconnected."

## PERSONAL HYGIENE

Skin is an effective barrier against COVID-19. Membranes inside your eyes, nose, and mouth are not effective barriers. If you touch your eyes, nose, or mouth with your hands and your hands have been exposed to the virus, you may become infected. Personal hygiene such as that including hand washing is a key element to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to others and yourself. As a results students must adhere to the following guidelines:

- Hand hygiene should be practiced as much as possible, and especially before touching your face, before preparing/eating food, after coughing or sneezing, before and after touching high-contact surfaces, and before and after putting on a face covering or mask.
- Washing your hands frequently and thoroughly (i.e., between fingers and surfaces of palms) with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and then thoroughly drying your hands with a paper towel.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

When sneezing or coughing, cover your nose and mouth with the inner angle of the arm or use a disposable tissue which should be immediately and properly disposed. When at all possible, avoid touching the face, including the mouth, eyes, and nose.

## QUARANTINE/ ISOLATION

Isolation and quarantine help protect the public by preventing exposure to people who have or may have a contagious disease.

- Isolation separates sick people with a contagious disease from people who are not sick.
- Quarantine separates and restricts the movement of people who were exposed to a contagious disease to see if they become sick.

A student who lives in a University residence tests positive for COVID-19 **will immediately be moved to** a private residence hall for isolation for **10-14 days**, based on the CDC guidelines. If a student has signs of COVID-19 or they are identified as a close contact, the student **must self-quarantine for 14 days** in a private residential hall room.

The student will be monitored and treated per physician's orders. The student may go home for isolation or self-quarantine as long as it does not impose a risk of spread within their household or the community. Students will be managed on a case-by-case basis. Students that may require acute care due to emergent symptoms (i.e. Chest Pain, Confusion, Shortness of Breath, etc.) will be transported to the emergency room of the hospital for further evaluation.

### **TESTING**

Claflin University will work with the local and state health departments to coordinate testing as indicated. All students returning to campus **are required to submit a copy of their COVID-19 test results before moving in for the Fall 2020**. COVID-19 diagnostic testing, authorized by the Food and Drug Administration under an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA), is becoming available in clinical laboratories. COVID-19 testing can be performed on students individually for **diagnostic purposes**. There will be mass COVID-19 tests administered on campus on scheduled dates. The frequency of mass testing will be determined by: the number of positive cases on campus, cluster outbreaks, physician's orders and increasing numbers of close contacts. Diagnostic criteria for testing may include:

1. Students with chronic medical conditions and/or an immunocompromised state that may put them at higher risk for poor outcomes (e.g., diabetes, heart disease, receiving immunosuppressive medications, chronic lung disease, chronic kidney disease).
2. Any student (asymptomatic or symptomatic) who has within the last 14 days had **close contact** with a suspected or laboratory confirmed COVID-19 patient.
3. A student with a clinical presentation of COVID-19 symptoms as listed per DHEC and CDC guidelines.
4. As indicated by the ordering physician or medical director.

### **CONTACT TRACING**

COVID-19 is a **nationally notifiable disease** . When a person is diagnosed or identified, it **must** be reported by healthcare providers and laboratories to the local health departments. Health departments are responsible for leading case investigations, contact tracing, and outbreak investigations. Case investigation is the identification and investigation of individuals with confirmed and probable diagnoses of a reportable communicable disease, such as COVID-19. Contact tracing follows case investigation and is a process to identify, monitor, and support individuals who may have been exposed to a person with a communicable disease, such as COVID-19.

Claflin University and Student Health will work closely with SCDHEC for contact tracing. Student health will serve as a resource to the health department and as the primary point of contact for coordinating COVID-19 activities.

## **TELEHEALTH**

Clafin Telehealth is for Clafin University students to receive health care and counseling for common conditions that can be safely and accurately diagnosed and treated online 24 hours/7days per week. Students can utilize the services at any time.

Students will need to complete their profile online at [clafintelehealth.com](http://clafintelehealth.com) or call customer services @ 1-833-484-6359. The telehealth services are available on weekends, school closings, and holidays.

### **Sanctions**

Violation of any requirement/provision of this policy, may result in immediate disciplinary action, including but not limited to, suspension from the University.

### **Policy Revisions**

A change in health guidelines and/or conditions may result in revisions to this policy.