



PERSONAL PROTECTION PLAN

FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY RE-OPEN PLAN FALL 2020

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A. CRITERIA

1. Provide confidence for faculty, staff, students, and the general public in the University's commitment to ensuring a safe environment.
2. Encourage and/or require adequate social distancing between people in a variety of settings.
3. Encourage personal protection actions by individuals.
4. Encourage personal sanitization habits.
5. Require appropriate responses and actions in the event of positive cases of Covid-19 as recommended by the US Center for Disease Control and South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control.

B. PLAN

1. Social Distancing Measures
 - a. The university will encourage general distancing, protection, and personal sanitization through informational signage throughout campus, notices posted on social media, and other communication methods.
 - b. Social distancing in classrooms will be accomplished by furniture placement and instructional delivery methods.
 - c. Departments and individuals are encouraged to use video meeting services when possible to minimize gatherings. When in-person meetings are held, departments and individuals should utilize venues that allow for appropriate social distance between participants.
 - d. Require social distancing in offices with service desks via signage and floor markings; Provide clear protective panels will be placed in offices and service venues with high-volume service.
 - e. Sponsoring departments will determine and implement measures to assure appropriate social distance specific to the venue for scheduled events.
2. Masks and Personal Protective Equipment/Measures
 - a. Masks and face coverings are recommended by the Centers for Disease Control to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Masks or face coverings are required in all university buildings except for individual offices, individual residences or apartments, and during meals. Masks are not required outdoors if social distancing can be achieved and maintained.
 - b. FMU encourages individuals to acquire and use their own cloth mask or face covering. The university will provide reusable masks for personnel and students upon request. Some personnel may be required to wear a mask and other PPE as their position responsibilities require.
 - c. Informational signs regarding masks will be placed at building entrances.
 - d. Requirements and recommendations to use masks is dependent upon a number of factors and may be adjusted accordingly.



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3. Screening/Testing for Covid 19

- a. The CDC does not recommend entry testing of all returning students, faculty, and staff.
- b. To increase safe participation in class or activities, individuals who are concerned they may have been exposed to Covid-19, display symptoms of Covid 19, or have been exposed to Covid 19 will be referred to the university health clinic for screening. Depending upon the result of the screening, individuals may be referred to be tested for Covid-19.
- c. HopeHealth has been contracted as the university health service partner and will provide testing services for Covid-19 as needed.
- d. In the event of confirmed positive cases of Covid-19, university personnel will coordinate contact tracing with DHEC to determine what additional screening and testing is needed.
- e. Students who test positive for Covid-19 will be required to quarantine as per CDC/DHEC protocols. Those residential students unable to leave campus will be assigned to a quarantine space in campus housing.
- f. Faculty members will make every effort to support the continuation of a student's academic participation and progress is the student is required to be quarantined yet able to continue their studies remotely.
- g. Members of the faculty and staff who test positive for Covid-19 will be required to quarantine off-campus as per current CDC/DHEC recommendations until cleared to return under CDC/DHEC guidelines and a recommendation from their medical provider. Those who are able to continue working remotely while under quarantine will be allowed to do so.