Student Health Safety Agreement

The health and well-being of our students, instructors and staff is a top priority. With the current and uncertain future of the COVID-19 Pandemic outbreak, it imperative we follow very specific guidelines until such time as the Pandemic ends. This document provides guidelines for keeping students, instructors, and college staff safe during the current COVID-19 pandemic for all in-person classes. As a condition for your return to class, you will be expected to practice and follow these guidelines consistently for the safety of not only yourself, but for others you will encounter at the college.  **We strongly encourage everyone to get a COVID-19 vaccination once it is available.**

I understand that for my safety, the College will do the following:
maintain a commitment to keeping educational interruptions to a minimum and helping students stay on track to complete their programs of study; initiate steps to mitigate the risk and of transmission including thorough cleaning and disinfecting of classroom/lab areas at the conclusion of classes; provide regular cleaning/disinfecting of common areas such as water fountains and restrooms; quickly respond to student concerns and/or questions as they may arise, and; adapt, adjust, or change procedures or polices to adhere to CDC, state, or federal policy/guidelines.

**Student Expectations:**

1. **I will not come to class sick or stay if I feel sick, regardless of symptoms.** I will contact my instructor so that he/she is aware and can make instructional accommodations if necessary. I will stay in touch regularly with my instructor and I will not return to class until there has been at least 3 days with no fever without use of fever reducing medicine, AND symptoms are resolved. AND there has been 10 days since symptoms first appeared. If the instructor has not provided me with contact information, I will contact the Dean’s office, 540-453-2205.  If I choose to have a COVID-19 test and share it with the Dean, I will be allowed to return to class after a negative test.

2. **I will not come to class if I have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 within the previous 10 days or traveled to an area with a high incidence COVID-19 within the previous 10 days.** I will quarantine per CDC guidelines. I will not come back to class until I have quarantined for a minimum of 10 days since the contact. If symptoms develop, I will follow the protocol list in number one above. I will contact my instructor so that he/she is aware and may make instructional accommodations if appropriate, until I return to class. Students in clinical settings who, as part of their course work, are exposed to someone with COVID-19 are exempt from this requirement if the exposure occurred while the student was wearing appropriate personal protective equipment and followed other health protecting protocols.

3. **If, after attending a class, I find out that I was exposed to someone with COVID-19 outside of class,** I will contact my instructor immediately and quarantine per CDC guidelines. I will not come back to class until I have quarantined for at least 10 days since the contact. If symptoms develop, I will follow the protocol list in number one above. My instructor may make instructional accommodations if appropriate. I will stay in touch with my instructor until I return to class.

4. **If I am diagnosed with COVID-19 I will not come to class. If I recently attended class, I will advise my instructor immediately of my diagnosis.** I will stay in touch with my instructor as I am able. I will not return to class until (1)14-days post-diagnosis and symptom-free and (2) contact the Academic Affairs Office (540-453-2205) prior to returning.

5. **I will practice social/physical distancing and will not congregate before, during, and after class, as well as during breaks.** I will not loiter or socialize on campus and will leave the campus when not engaged in active course-related activity.

6. **I will wear a protective face covering (mask) to all in-person classes.** This will be required for class admission until such time as I am directed to discontinue. Other Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) may be required by the college or by my instructor. Failure to wear a face covering and required PPE while on campus may result in being asked to leave as well as possible dismissal from class.

7. **I will be prepared if this in-person class is moved online.** In the event of a new outbreak or change in state guidelines, I understand it is possible my class may be moved online, fully or partially. I understand that if my class is moved online, I will need access to technology and internet with as little as 24 hours’ notice.

8. **I understand the recommendation to sign up for the BRCC Alerts so that I will receive school-wide bulletins and update TEXTS/EMAILS not only about closing, but other emergency information I should know.** For the latest emergency closing information, please sign up for BRCC Alert by visiting  [https://www.brrc.edu/status/](https://www.brrc.edu/status/).

By signing my name below, I agree to the above Student Expectations as a condition of returning to campus for in-person classes. If, at any time, I fail to follow any of these conditions, I understand I may be dismissed from my class without a refund. This agreement will become part of the class record.

Signature: ____________________________ Date: _____________________________