



Statement of Student Expectations

At Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC), our top priority is the health, safety, and well-being of our students, team members, and patients. For these reasons, TTUHSC implemented a comprehensive plan across our campuses that meets or exceeds minimum standards established by federal, state, and local authorities. The plan also aligns with the requirements established by individual program accrediting bodies to ensure continued compliance across academic programs. As a TTUHSC student, you are expected to follow the guidelines detailed below.

Off-Campus Activities

During this uncertain time, you must demonstrate personal responsibility for your own behaviors. Doing so will assist us in minimizing community spread of COVID-19 across our campuses and enable us to continue offering academic instruction in person, where applicable. This will also allow you and your classmates to continue making timely progress in fulfilling your degree requirements. With this in mind, we strongly encourage you to take the following precautions while off campus:

- [Monitor for COVID-19 symptoms](#);
- Conduct daily temperature screenings;
- Follow recommended hand hygiene practices;
- Wear a facial covering (e.g., cloth mask) in public; and
- Adhere to physical distancing protocols of at least 6 feet. This includes limiting close contact with individuals outside of your household and avoiding crowded areas or social gathering places, such as bars, sporting events, or parties.

Self-Screening

Before coming to campus each day, you are expected to conduct a [daily](#) self-screening to confirm you are not exhibiting these COVID-19 symptoms:

- Fever greater than 100 degrees Fahrenheit;
- A new cough that is not attributable to another medical condition;
- New muscle aches not attributable to another medical condition or another specific activity (e.g., due to physical exercise);
- Throat pain not attributable to another medical condition;
- New shortness of breath not attributable to another condition; and
- Loss of taste and/or smell.

Facial Coverings

Facial coverings must be worn by students and team members on all TTUHSC campuses and university facilities. Refer to the [CDC guidelines on face coverings](#) for more information. Additional personal protective equipment (PPE) may be required during research activities and other experiential learning activities (e.g., clinical rotations, community placements, laboratories, simulation).

Physical Distancing

You must remain at least 6 feet apart from others while on campus. This applies to traditional classrooms, common areas, parking lots, elevators, and restrooms. Signage is posted throughout campus buildings to remind you of this requirement. *(Note: Due to the nature of health sciences education, physical distancing may not be feasible during some specialized learning experiences. Prolonged proximity to others will be minimized to the extent possible.)*

Exhibiting COVID-19 Symptoms

If you are exhibiting symptoms, have a temperature greater than 100 degrees Fahrenheit, and/or have tested positive for COVID-19, you MUST:

- (1) Self-isolate off campus; AND
- (2) Inform your instructor(s), program director, or other designated school official [within 24 hours](#); AND
- (3) Submit the [online screening form](#) at the onset of symptoms to the TTUHSC Office of Institutional Health for follow up and additional guidance regarding testing, self-isolation, and contacting a health care provider.

Students must be cleared by the TTUHSC Office of Institutional Health prior to returning to campus. Criteria for return will vary based on the specific circumstances of the case.

Exposures

If you have been exposed to a confirmed COVID-19 case (a) at home, work, school; (b) in your clinical rotation/placement; and/or (c) in the community, you MUST:

- (1) Self-isolate off campus; AND
- (2) Inform your instructor(s), program director, or other designated school official within 24 hours; AND
- (3) Submit the [online screening form](#) within 24 hours to the TTUHSC Office of Institutional Health for follow up and additional guidance regarding testing, self-isolation, and contacting a health care provider. Exposure risk will be determined based on factors such as use of facial coverings, physical distancing, and time spent with the individual who is known to be infected with COVID-19.

Students must be cleared by the TTUHSC Office of Institutional Health prior to returning to campus. Criteria for return will vary based on the specific circumstances of the case.

Student Integrity

One of the core values at TTUHSC is integrity. As a student, you have a personal and social responsibility to follow the symptom and exposure protocols for your own health and safety and those around you. **Failure to report a known exposure, symptoms, and/or a confirmed positive test result will be considered a potential violation of the [TTUHSC Student Handbook/Code of Professional Conduct](#).** A complaint of misconduct may be filed against you for failing to comply with the reasonable directions or requests of a University official.

Clinical Rotations/Placements

If you are participating in a clinical rotation or placement, you will be required to follow the facility's protocols for general conduct, use of PPE, exposures, and/or a confirmed positive test result. You may be required to follow site-specific protocols, which may extend beyond the expectations set by your specific school or TTUHSC. It is very important to communicate with the TTUHSC Office of Institutional Health and your instructor, program director, or other designated school official if this situation arises.

Student Disability Services

Please contact [Student Disability Services](#) at DisabilityServices@ttuhsc.edu or (806) 743-1926 to discuss potential accommodations if (a) you have tested positive for COVID-19 and your participation in course requirements may be impacted, OR (b) you have a documented medical condition which may prevent you from abiding by these expectations. The Director of Student Disability Services will work collaboratively with you and your instructors to evaluate your specific needs.

Leave of Absence/Withdrawal

If you choose not to participate in on-campus course/program requirements or clinical experiences at this time, you will be given the option to request a leave of absence or withdraw from the University. Please contact your instructor, program director, or other designated school official to discuss your options in more detail. To reiterate, if you have a documented medical condition related to your inability to participate, please contact Student Disability Services as well.

Resources

The [TTUHSC Safe](#) website outlines the parameters for returning to campus for our students, team members, managed care facilities, patients, and visitors. As a student, you will find additional information about the following topics:

- Academic instruction
- Badge access
- Campus spaces
- Events
- Exposures
- Facial coverings
- Hand hygiene
- Operational phases
- Physical distancing
- Sanitization and cleaning
- Self-screening
- Travel guidance

Please refer to the website regularly throughout the fall semester to obtain the most current information.

TTUHSC Office of Institutional Health (All Campuses)

- **Website:** <https://www.ttuhsc.edu/institutional-health/>
- **Telephone:** (806) 743-3019, After Hours/Weekends: (806) 368-2647

By signing below, I confirm that I have read and understand TTUHSC's *Statement of Student Expectations*.

Printed Name

Signature

Date