

Danville Area Community College Pandemic Safety Fall 2021

Danville Area Community College is committed to providing a safe and healthy learning environment. Following guidelines set forth by the “Restore Illinois” plan and recommendations from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), Vermilion County Health Department (VCHD), and Centers for Disease Control (CDC), we have made many changes around campus to help make your safety a reality.

This plan is subject to change based upon the College’s environmental needs and guidelines set forth by the CDC, VCHD, and the State of Illinois.

Face Masks Required Inside All DACC Buildings

A face covering must be worn in all public areas and classrooms. If you do not have a face covering, disposable masks are available at building entrances and administrative offices.

Masks are required in all classrooms. Any student without a mask may be refused entry and directed to return to that building’s entrance for a mask.

Masks may be removed (~~but social distancing of 6 feet must be maintained~~):

- outdoors
- when you are eating

Anyone who disregards the mask requirement may be asked to leave.

Accommodations

If a student has a medical condition preventing them from wearing a mask, accommodations may be requested in advance from **Lisa Rudolph in Disability Services at 217-443-8809**. Disability services will work with appropriate instructors to meet the accommodations.

Hand Washing

Frequent hand washing is encouraged per CDC guidelines:

- Use soap and water
- Wash for at least 20 seconds

Hand sanitizer is available in public areas to supplement – not replace – hand washing.

Student Services

Services for students will be available with some modifications. Face masks are required.

- The bookstore will be open. Online ordering and store pickup are encouraged to avoid heavy store traffic. Please check the bookstore’s website at www.dacc.edu/bookstore for schedule changes.
- Computer labs will be open during normal business hours. Lab monitors will be on hand to clean each station after use.
- Vending machines are operational and will be cleaned throughout the day.
- Water fountains are functioning, but drinking directly from the fountain is discouraged. Instead, reusable containers are encouraged.
- The Child Development Center is operating under guidelines determined by the State of Illinois Department of Children’s Services and will communicate those directly to families of enrolled children.

- Athletics are operating under guidelines developed by NJCAA and the Midwest Athletic Conference. Student athletes for 2021-2022 will receive instructions directly from their coaches.

Cleaning

For your safety, thorough cleaning of high traffic/high touch areas and restrooms is conducted throughout the day by DACC staff.

Classrooms

Face masks must be worn at all times within the classroom.

Course outlines will include health and safety guidelines for the classroom along with an attendance policy for COVID-19 illness-related absences.

Instructors will familiarize students with the Blackboard Online Course shell for all sections – even in-person classes – in case the pandemic situation warrants a return to fully-online instruction mid-semester.

Technology Equipment Loan Program (TELP)

Access to technology is critical to student success. DACC continues to support students and faculty by maintaining access to technology items such as laptops, webcams, headsets, and personal Wi-Fi devices for reliable Internet service. These items are available to students on loan, free of charge, assuming the equipment is returned as planned, undamaged.

To access the TELP service, students and faculty will complete a TELP request form located at <https://www.dacc.edu/coronavirus>. Once the request has been approved, borrowers will set up an appointment to check out the equipment at the Testing and Academic Services Center, located in Cannon Hall. An instruction sheet for the equipment, compiled by campus experts, will be provided to the borrower. Borrowers will be expected to return equipment at the end of the semester unless additional loan time has been pre-approved.

Borrowers who fail to return equipment in a timely manner, or who return damaged equipment, will be assessed a fee comparable to the value of the equipment borrowed.

If Illness Occurs

If you or a member of your household has been exposed to COVID-19 and are fully vaccinated, you should self-monitor for 14 days. If a member of your household is sick and has COVID-19 symptoms, but you are vaccinated and have no symptoms, you may come to class/work and self-monitor. If you are not fully vaccinated, you should quarantine for 10 days. If you are sick and have COVID-19 symptoms, vaccinated or not, you should stay home and follow up with a medical provider.

Students should contact their instructor by phone or email to inform them of the illness. Instructors may allow students to complete assignments virtually with a doctor's note approved by the instructor or dean. Illness should be reported using the COVID Concern Report Form found on the College's homepage and COVID Information page: www.dacc.edu/coronavirus.

Free COVID-19 testing can be obtained through your medical provider, Aunt Martha's in Danville, the Vermilion County Health Department, or at Danville Area Community College, when available.

Anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 should follow guidelines by the IDPH, Centers for Disease Control, and Vermilion County Health Department before returning to campus. A note from a medical provider may be needed before a student testing positive with COVID-19 may return to campus.

A known exposure is defined as being less than six feet apart for more than 15 minutes at one time with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

If a possible or known exposure occurs, anyone exposed should follow the guidelines above and seek testing. Anyone in this situation should avoid campus until the testing results are complete and negative. Faculty should complete COVID Concern Report Form if a student reports they have been exposed or tested positive for COVID-19.

Thanks for joining us back at DACC! Together we can achieve a safe & healthy semester!