



# WHEN ILLNESS OCCURS AT DANVILLE AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

When a case of COVID-19 has been confirmed on campus, DACC will follow Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines.



DACC might need to implement short-term building closure procedures regardless of community spread if an infected person has been on campus. If this happens, CDC recommends the following procedures, regardless of level of community spread:

- Coordinate with local health officials, Vermilion County Health Department (VCHD)
- Work with VCHD to determine cancellation of classes and closure of buildings and facilities
- Communicate with students, staff, and faculty
- Clean and disinfect thoroughly
- Make decisions about extending the class suspension and event and activity cancellation

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**COORDINATE WITH LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIALS, VERMILION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT (VCHD)****Vermilion County  
Health Department****Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Once learning of a COVID-19 case in someone who has been on the campus, immediately reach out to VCHD. These officials will help administrators determine a course of action for DACC.

**WORK WITH VCHD TO DETERMINE CANCELLATION OF CLASSES AND CLOSURE OF BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES**

DACC administrators should work closely with VCHD to determine if a short-term closure (for 2-5 days) of all campus buildings and facilities is needed. In some cases, DACC administrators, working with VCHD, may choose to only close buildings and facilities that had been entered by the individual(s) with COVID-19. This initial short-term class suspension and event and activity (e.g., meetings; on-campus sport, theater, and music events) cancellation allows time for VCHD to gain a better understanding of the COVID-19 situation impacting DACC. This allows VCHD help DACC determine appropriate next steps, including whether an extended duration is needed to stop or slow further spread of COVID-19.

- VCHD's recommendations for the duration and extent of class suspensions, building and facility closures, and event and activity cancellations should be made on a case-by-case basis using the most up-to-date information about COVID-19 and the specific cases in the community.
- Discourage students, staff, and faculty from gathering or socializing anywhere. This includes group childcare arrangements, as well as gathering at places like a friend's house, a favorite restaurant, or the local coffee shop.



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## COMMUNICATE WITH STUDENTS, STAFF, AND FACULTY



Coordinate with VCHD to communicate dismissal decisions and the possible COVID-19 exposure.

- This communication to the DACC community should align with the communication plan in the emergency operations plan.
- DACC administration will immediately notify faculty, staff or anyone that may be known to be in contact with patient.
- In a circumstance where there is a confirmed COVID-19 case that has been on campus, it is critical to maintain confidentiality of the student or staff member as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, as applicable.

## CLEAN AND DISINFECT THOROUGHLY



- Close off areas used by the student/employee. Open outside doors and windows to increase air circulation in the area and then begin cleaning and disinfection.
- Cleaning staff should clean and disinfect all areas (e.g., offices, bathrooms, and common areas) used by the COVID-19 patient focusing especially on frequently touched surfaces. An electrostatic disinfectant machine will be used in identified areas.
- If surfaces are dirty, they should be cleaned using a detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.
- For disinfection most common EPA-registered household disinfectants should be effective. A list of products that are EPA-approved for use against the virus that causes COVID-19 is available on the CDC website. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for all cleaning and disinfection products (e.g., concentration, application method and contact time, etc.).
- Additional information on cleaning and disinfection of community facilities such as schools can be found on CDC's website.

## 04

**MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT EXTENDING THE CLASS  
SUSPENSION AND EVENT AND ACTIVITY CANCELLATION**

Temporarily suspending in-person classes is a strategy to stop or slow the further spread of COVID-19 in communities.

- When in-person classes are suspended, DACC administrators should work closely with VCHD to determine if some buildings and facilities may stay open for staff or faculty that are not ill while students temporarily stop attending in-person classes.
- DACC administrators should work in close collaboration with VCHD and to make in-person class suspension and event cancellations. DACC is not expected to make decisions about suspending in-person classes or canceling events on their own. DACC can seek specific guidance from VCHD to determine if, when, and for how long to take these steps. The nature of these actions (e.g., geographic scope, duration) may change as the local outbreak situation evolves.
- Administrators should seek guidance from VCHD to determine when students, staff, and faculty should return to campus and what additional steps are needed for the DACC community. In addition, students, staff, and faculty who are well but are taking care of or share a home with someone with a case of COVID-19 should follow instructions from VCHD to determine when to return to campus.