COVID-19 Protocols for Students

Victoria College is committed to creating a safe environment for all members of the campus community. We must each do our part to stop the spread of COVID-19 on the Victoria Campus and in our community. This document outlines the COVID-19 protocols developed to support students at Victoria College.

I. **Practice Safety Precautions**
   o We recommend that you wear a facial covering when in public areas of a building and any time social distancing is not possible.
   o Wash your hands frequently.
   o Visit our website for updates and more details at www.VictoriaCollege.edu/COVID-19.

II. **The following safety measures remain in place at Victoria College.**
   - When possible, social distancing should still be practiced in all VC facilities.
   - Though not required, facial coverings are strongly encouraged when working in close proximity of others.
   - VC fully supports anyone who chooses to wear a facial covering due to personal preference.
   - Enhanced cleaning procedures have become a part of our normal operations and will continue.
   - Hand-sanitizing stations are available in all VC buildings.
   - Sneeze guards remain in key areas where students and members of the public interact with college personnel.
   - FREE COVID-19 testing remains available for VC students and employees

III. **COVID19 Symptoms and Self-Reporting Process**

   COVID-19 has a wide range of symptoms ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear within 2-10 days after an exposure to the virus.

   Below are symptoms associated with COVID-19:

   - Headache
   - Diarrhea and vomiting
   - New loss of taste or smell
   - Fatigue
   - Muscle or body aches
   - Cough
   - Congestion or runny nose

- Fever and chills
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

If any student experiences the above symptoms, they MUST complete the Victoria College's COVID-19 Self-Reporting Form found on the Victoria College COVID-19 Resource Page.

IV.   Keeping Everyone Safe

- **Do Not** come to campus if you are not feeling well**.**
- Remain at home if you are experiencing COVID-19 related symptoms. If you are on campus leave immediately.
- Contact your health care provider or the Victoria County Health Services Department at (361) 578-6281.
- Notify your instructor(s) to let them know you are experiencing COVID-19 related symptoms.
- Complete the COVID-19 Self Reporting Form

Exposure Cases:

If you have been exposed or informed of possible exposure, complete the COVID-19 Self Reporting Form . The **COVID Team** will assess your risk level for exposure and develop a plan for you to resume classes on campus.

* Level of Exposure		ask these questions to determine risk level of exposure
High	**No to all the questions**	1. Were you wearing face covering when around the person who exposed you?
Medium	**Yes/no combo**	2. Were you maintaining 6' distance?
Low	**Yes to all the questions**	3. Were you with them 15 minutes or less?

Faculty Support

The Vice President of Student Services office will complete an assessment of a student once the COVID-19 Self Reporting Form is received. A course of action will be determined once the assessment is complete. Faculty will receive an email from the Vice President of Student Services office when a student is required to self-quarantine. A follow-up email will be sent from the Dean of Student Services COVID Team once a student is clear to resume classes on campus.

V.   How to Resume Classes on Campus

Our "return to work" practice for someone **testing positive for COVID-19** is that

- Students are required to quarantine off campus for 10 days from the onset of symptoms and be fever free for 24 hours
- If you have a **high risk exposure** to someone with COVID, then you must quarantine off campus for 10 days and have no symptoms before resuming classes on campus
- If you have a **low to medium risk exposure** to someone with COVID, then you may return to campus after a 5-day quarantine and have no symptoms before being approved to resume classes on campus.

VI.   COVID-19 Testing Site

Victoria College is partnering with Your Health Lab, in providing **Free COVID-19 Testing** for students and employees. VC Students do not need a physician referral and appointments are not required.

- For a VC student, they will need their Victoria College student ID (V#) and a photo ID.
- VC employees, you will need your Victoria College access badge.
- If you have health insurance of any kind, please be sure to bring your insurance card. No copay or out-of-pocket expenses will be charged.
- Free COVID-19 testing will be offered even if you do not have health insurance.
- The molecular tests will be conducted using a nasal swab to determine if patients have an active coronavirus infection. Molecular testing is more accurate than rapid testing, but results are still available within 24 to 72 hours.

Your Health Lab is located at Citizens Building C (2710 Hospital Drive, Suite 106). Be sure to call ahead to (361) 649-8770 or (361) 541-5098 for expedited service. COVID-19 testing is offered Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m.-noon.

Vaccinations

Below is the link for the CDC guidance on vaccines.

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html

People are considered fully vaccinated:

- 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, like the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or
- 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, like Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine

If it has been less than 2 weeks since your shot, or if you still need to get your second dose, you are NOT fully protected. Keep taking all prevention steps until you are fully vaccinated.

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