COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidelines for UHS and its Universities

• Guidelines applicable to all UHS community members, including students, faculty, staff, visitors, and vendors

• Online COVID-19 training module and certification required of students, faculty and staff before return to campus

• Public awareness campaign, COVID-19 website, and signage throughout campuses to provide education and communicate messaging

• Face coverings while on campuses unless the individual has an approved accommodation

• Physical distancing implemented – reduced capacity in classrooms, campus spaces, auxiliaries, rearranging of classroom seating and workspaces; assess installation of barriers; flexible work schedules; online learning options; and encouragement of virtual meetings

• Enhanced cleaning protocols employed throughout campuses, including frequent cleaning of instructional spaces and high-touch points, and cleaning response protocol for disinfection of areas impacted by positive COVID-19 cases

• Hygiene enhancements throughout campuses, including availability of hand sanitizer, cleaning products, and assessing HVAC systems

• In universities with residence halls, changes implemented to provide increased availability of housing with single occupancy, as well as dedicated housing to quarantine students requiring self-quarantine or self-isolation due to diagnosis of COVID-19 or potential exposure; increased cleaning of community spaces and high touch spaces; limitation of guests

• A range of academic options available to provide for multi-modality of instruction

• Faculty, staff, and students required to perform daily self-health assessment to screen for symptoms before coming to campus; visitors and vendors required to perform self-health assessment to screen for symptoms before coming to campus

• Protocols in place for students, faculty, and staff for:
  • Reporting of COVID-19 symptoms, positive case or diagnosis, or potential exposure
  • Self-quarantine if exposed
  • Self-isolation upon positive case or diagnosis
  • Contact tracing to identify exposed UHS community members
  • Handling of return to campuses following self-quarantine/self-isolation

• Establishment of a COVID-19 Response Coordinator as point of contact for handling of positive case/exposure issues at each university
- Availability of COVID-19 testing options for students
- Synergistic decision process for closing buildings, areas, campuses
- Consistency with the Governor’s direction to all state agencies with consideration of local guidelines