Southwestern Michigan College
Coronavirus Return to Campus Guidelines

Individuals that have received a positive Covid-19 test may return to campus upon completion of the following steps:

- 5 days have passed since Covid symptoms started or, for those that are asymptomatic, the positive test as administered AND
- 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever (100.4 or greater) without the use of fever reducing medication AND
- Improvement of Respiratory Symptoms AND
- Agrees to wear a mask when around others for 10 days from the date symptoms started AND
- The individual receives authorization to return to campus from the SMC Covid Response Team or Human Resources

Individuals that have been in close contact (unmasked 6’/masked 3’, for 15 minutes or longer) with an individual that has since received a positive Covid-19 test may return to campus upon completion of the following steps:

(Regardless of the below steps if at any time an individual develops symptoms of Covid 19, they must quarantine and notify the college immediately)

- 5 days have passed since the close contact with the individual that tested positive for Covid-19 and no symptoms have developed. OR if either one of the below options apply:
- The diagnosed individual receives a negative Covid-19 test not less than 24 hours from the date of the positive test and continues to have no symptoms.
- The exposed individual has tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 3 months and recovered and shows no symptoms.
- The exposed individual has been fully vaccinated (i.e., ≥2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series, or ≥2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine AND a booster shot) against the disease and shows no symptoms AND
- The individual receives authorization to return to campus from the SMC Covid Response Team or Human Resources

NOTE: Exposed, asymptomatic, vaccinated individuals MUST wear a mask inside of all buildings for 10 days after the exposure. These individuals should also get tested at least 5 days after the exposure unless they have had Covid 19 in the last 90 days.

Individuals that are experiencing Coronavirus Symptoms as identified by the State of Michigan may return to campus upon completion of the following steps.

Test based

- 24 hours have passed since the resolution of fever (100.4 or greater) without the use of fever reducing medicine AND
- Improvement of Respiratory Symptoms AND
- The individual receives a Negative Covid-19 test **AND**
- The individual receives authorization to return to campus from the SMC Covid Response Team or Human Resources

**Non-Test based**
- 24 hours have passed since the resolution of fever (100.4 or greater) without the use of fever reducing medicine **AND**
- Improvement of Respiratory Symptoms **AND**
- 5 days have passed since the symptoms started **AND**
- The individual agrees to wear a mask when around others for 10 days since the start of symptoms **AND**
- The individual receives authorization to return to campus from the SMC Covid Response Team or Human Resources