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College of the Atlantic is committed to providing a safe, thoughtful, academically inspiring environment for our students, staff, and faculty. Together, with grace and empathy, we will co-create our community of human ecologists during the 2021-22 academic year. We will adapt to the protocols and guidelines that come with our efforts to stay safe, and we will find ways new and old to communicate, connect, and create.

College of the Atlantic is committed to serving our students by using science-informed plans to reduce the spread of COVID-19, accommodate vulnerable members of our community, respond to incidents of COVID-19 infection, and protect each other and our community. We seek to limit the transmission of the virus through vaccination, baseline and surveillance testing, isolation, quarantine, and a strong community commitment to the wearing of masks and other public health measures.

COVID-19 is an extremely contagious respiratory disease that the World Health Organization has declared as a global pandemic. With the aid of local, regional, and national resources, COA is closely monitoring the developments relating to the coronavirus outbreak, and the health and safety of our students, faculty, staff, and community are our priority.

Despite the extensive efforts we are all making to stay on campus safely for the 2021-22 academic year, COA may determine that an in-person education is no longer safe and choose to return to remote learning. We will continue working with our medical, scientific, and governmental partners to make the best determinations in this regard.

COA continues to embrace the six Guiding Principles for the Reopening of Maine Higher Education outlined by the Maine Independent Colleges Association:

- In-person, on-campus experiences and other learning modes
- Flexibility, responsiveness, empathy, and science
- High-quality learning in the pandemic context
- Continuing our missions for Maine
- Partnering to address health
- Transparent and continuing communication
Health and Safety Expectations for All Community Members

To facilitate a safe and productive campus environment, COA has established health and safety protocols and policies that all students, faculty, staff, and visitors are expected to follow. This means complying with national, state, and local health guidelines and requirements, and following those measures COA deems safe and appropriate for our campus, including being vaccinated against COVID-19.

Care and compassion for each other must be core to our community. Now, more than ever, the decisions we make have consequences not only for ourselves, but for those with whom we live and work, with whom we share space and resources, and those around us in the wider community. While COA can establish policies and protocols, they are only effective when each member of our community recognizes them as shared responsibilities. Working together, we can minimize the risk of COVID-19 infections at COA. Please review the following expectations carefully.

- **COVID-19 vaccinations**
  - College of the Atlantic students, staff, and faculty are required to be vaccinated against COVID-19 in order to be on campus for the 2021-22 academic program.
  - All students are required to submit proof of vaccination or apply for a medical or religious exemption by August 13.
  - If the vaccine is available in your area, it is our full expectation that you will arrive on campus fully vaccinated, unless you have an approved exemption for medical or religious reasons.
    - If this requirement presents an issue to you, you are required to contact the COA COVID-19 coordinator immediately to discuss your situation.
  - Anyone on campus during the 2021-22 academic year who is not vaccinated will be required to wear a mask at all times when indoors in shared air spaces, except when in their personal residence or private office.
    - Will be able to get food in Take-a-Break, but will not be able to eat in this shared space. We are designating nearby spaces that can be used for this purpose.
    - Unvaccinated students, faculty, or staff will be tested weekly for COVID-19.

- **Face coverings**
  - Face coverings are one of the most important protective measures that we can take to reduce risk during times of high COVID-19 transmission.
  - Face coverings are required in all shared indoor spaces during the initial weeks of arrival and start-of-term while baseline testing is conducted. Face coverings may be required at times after this, at the discretion of the COVID-19 Response Team.
  - Face coverings can be removed while eating or drinking.
  - Any unvaccinated persons are required to wear face coverings at all times when in shared spaces other than personal residences.
Hand washing and health etiquette
- All members of the COA community are expected to perform appropriate hand hygiene upon their arrival to campus and regularly throughout the day.
  - Wash with soap and water for 20 seconds, and/or
  - Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with 60-95% alcohol

What to do if you have COVID-19 symptoms
- Individuals are not to come to campus or go to class/work if they have any COVID-19 symptoms until they have been given authorization to return to campus.
- COVID-19 symptoms are as follows:
  - Primary symptoms of concern: cough, fever or chills, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing
  - Trouble breathing
  - Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
  - New confusion or inability to awaken
  - Bluish lips or face
  - Muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, nasal congestion, and runny nose are also symptoms often associated with COVID-19, but are non-specific.
  - Those who have a chronic or baseline cough that has worsened or is not well-controlled with medication should stay at their place of residence.
  - [More information about COVID-19 symptoms](#)

- Students with symptoms identified above are expected to:
  - Immediately self-isolate in their residence
  - Report their condition to the COVID-19 coordinator
  - Follow the next steps that will be outlined for them about potential testing and medical consultation
  - Follow COA’s COVID-19 monitoring and isolation protocols

- Employees with symptoms identified above are expected to:
  - Stay at home
  - Report their condition to the COVID-19 coordinator
  - Notify their supervisor
  - Not come to campus until authorized to do so
  - Seek medical care and COVID-19 testing from their regular healthcare provider or public health authority
  - Follow COA’s COVID-19 monitoring and isolation protocols
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- Anyone with a disability or other reason for needing accommodations around any of these community health expectations should contact Barbara Conry to discuss.

COVID-19 Testing

- College of the Atlantic has partnered with The Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard to provide COVID-19 testing to the COA community. There will be no expense to students, staff, or faculty for these tests.

- Taking part in baseline and surveillance testing is required for all community members who will be on campus.

- All community members will be tested during the arrival/start-of-term period in order to gain a sound baseline of COVID-19 incidence.

- All unvaccinated persons will be tested weekly for COVID-19.

- We will be conducting surveillance testing throughout the term based on housing and work groups.

- All community members will use the CoVerified smartphone app/web platform for:
  - Scheduling testing appointments
  - Health and safety updates and resources

- The Broad RT-PCR Diagnostic Assay (reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction) is designed to detect the presence of the genomic material from the pathogen responsible for COVID-19.
  - The tests are shallow nasal swabs, self-administered at a designated site on campus and analyzed at The Broad labs in Cambridge, Mass.
  - Results will be available 24-48 hours of tests being received at the lab.
  - No research will be conducted using these samples. Some samples, after personally identified information is removed, and if there is any left after the test has been conducted, might be used for quality control, but no other information will be shared.

- Symptomatic testing will be done primarily at local, free testing locations, but COA will have some ability to respond to potential outbreaks and offer incident-based testing.
COVID-19 Support for Students

- Students who are diagnosed with COVID-19 will be expected to follow the following protocols:
  - Report their test results to the COVID-19 coordinator, unless positive test is through COA, in which case the student will be notified by COA
  - Work with the COVID-19 health team to determine if the student will isolate in place or move to an alternate location to quarantine (based on their living circumstances)
  - Provide information about close contacts to facilitate contact tracing
  - Attend classes online or use alternate options for completing coursework until the isolation period is over
  - Wear a mask in any space shared with others
  - Remain isolated until the quarantine period is over and the student can return to regular activities
- Notification of a positive test will be shared with those most closely connected, including close contacts, housemates, classmates, faculty, workmates, supervisors, and, where appropriate, without personally identifiable information, the community as a whole.
- The State of Maine and/or COA will conduct contact tracing after positive test results.

Campus Housing and Residential Life

- There will be strong consequences for not participating as expected in shared house responsibilities, including possible removal from campus housing/prevention from participating in on-campus, in-person activities including classes.
- Housing groups will be like family groups, with an understanding that after baseline testing, some modified practices will be allowed in housing groups. Students will not be required to wear masks in their own houses following the initial testing period.
- Hand soap, hand sanitizer, and cleaning supplies will be provided to all students in campus housing. Delivery of additional supplies will be available when needed.
- Clear expectations of regular cleaning of personal and shared spaces in housing will be reiterated at the start of the term.
- Students living in campus housing will be able to have visitors from outside the community meet them on campus to socialize outside, but guests will not be allowed in residences or be allowed to stay in campus housing. See Visitor section below.
- For the start of the year at least, visitors from one house to another or visits from COA students living off campus will be permitted as long as face coverings are worn in common spaces while visitors are present. Face coverings are not required by residents or visitors when in private rooms (at the discretion of the occupants of the room).
- We will utilize two monitored, 24/7 phone numbers, plus 911, for reporting emergency warning signs and for getting transportation to a local hospital.
  - COA Emergency Line: 207-288-9001
  - Student Life Emergency Line: 207-266-5890
Off-Campus Students

- Students living off campus locally are expected to follow all of the behavioral and social guidelines set forth in this document.
- Housemates should speak with each other to establish and maintain clear guidelines for shared housing spaces and living groups/pods. Topics discussed should include:
  - When masks will be worn (we recommend that for the start of the year, masks be worn at all times with people outside of the living group)
  - Plan for how to self-isolate a member of the group within the house if the need should arise
  - Plan for how to address conflict should needs or expectations be in conflict

Academics

- Classrooms will be seated at regular capacity.
- Students and faculty exempt from the vaccination requirement for documented medical or religious reasons will be required to wear a mask in the classroom at all times.
- Students and faculty exempt from the vaccination requirement for documented medical or religious reasons will be required to wear a mask when on field trips unless they are outside and able to distance themselves from others.
- Visitors are allowed in classrooms only when fully vaccinated.
- In the event of a COVID-19 diagnosis within a class:
  - All members of the class will be contacted and tested for COVID-19
  - The class will not meet face-to-face until test results are returned
  - For students unable to be in class for a documented medical or mental health reason associated with COVID-19, reasonable accommodations will be made to assure the continuation of learning
- Accommodations will be made for potential COVID-19-related issues that cause a student to remain outside of the classroom temporarily, such as a positive COVID-19 test, a required quarantine period, or documented medical risk of vaccine failure during an outbreak period. These accommodations will be handled through the usual process.
- For more information, see attached Fall 2021 Classroom/Instruction Protocols.

Travel

- College of the Atlantic is following the guidelines of the US Centers for Disease Control with regards to travel.
  - Domestic travel guidelines
  - International travel guidelines
- COA community members are required to follow all state, local, and federal guidelines and protocols around travel.
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Visitors

- The COA campus is closed to the general public. Only vendors, admissions tours, contractors, or pre-arranged personal or course visits from people outside the COA community are allowed on campus.
- No guests to the inside of residence halls from outside of the COA community
- Guests for admission tours and events, family and alumnx weekend guests, and class guests are required to register and submit proof of vaccination.
  - Guests without proof of vaccination are not welcome to spend any length of time inside any COA buildings.
  - The party organizing the event/visit is responsible to gather proof of vaccination (or record of no vax) and communicate this information with the COVID-19 Coordinator.

General Medical and Mental Health Services

- Health Clinic hours will continue to be available on campus.
  - Students will need to schedule an appointment to visit the clinic.
  - Students will be expected to follow all health and safety protocols at the clinic and to follow signage for new, one-way foot traffic pathways.
- We have deepened our relationships with local medical providers at the six community-based clinics, the weekend clinic, and the hospital. We are able to assist students to schedule appointments and to receive urgent or emergency care as necessary.
- Mental health services will be offered through Telepsych.
  - Appointments for emergent and solution-focused counseling are available through campus counseling services.
  - Those knowing they will need ongoing weekly counseling are encouraged to develop a relationship with a provider in town. We can assist with referrals and making contact.

General COVID-19 Information

- Please stay abreast of the latest COVID-19 information at coa.edu/covid19.
- All protocols and campus updates, including this document, are posted on the page and updated regularly
Food Services

- Food service will be available on campus. Community members will be able to go through the line in TAB to select and purchase food.
- Until baseline testing is complete, in-person eating will not be allowed in TAB but seating will be available on the red bricks area outside.
  - Indoor dining will be reconsidered once the results of baseline testing have received.
  - The goal will be to make seating available in TAB, if transmission levels permit it.
- Kitchen employees
  - Will use CDC-recommended protocols for food preparation and packaging
  - Kitchen employees who have symptoms of COVID-19 will be required to stay at home or will be sent home immediately upon experiencing symptoms.
- Hand washing or hand sanitizing is required before and after eating meals or snacks.
- All vendors will use CDC-recommended protocols for delivery to campus.
- Unvaccinated persons
  - When in-person dining becomes an option in TAB, unvaccinated persons will need to eat in alternate locations, other than TAB, because of the need to remove face coverings while eating.
  - Alternate spaces will be provided for eating.

Community Engagement, Gatherings, and Events

- COA is committed to ensuring that relationships continue to be at the core of the COA experience. With public health in mind, we will work to provide and support a vibrant social and cultural life on campus through a combination of indoor and outdoor events.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be available in or near gathering spaces.
- Student organizations are encouraged to contact Student Life for information on holding events, either in-person or online.
- The student activities committee and other groups are working on a variety of in-person events such as open mics, handworks, woodworking, yoga, meditation, gaming, book clubs, and other interest groups.
- The Outing Club is working to establish a series of activities that will offer students the opportunity to safely experience the natural beauty of the island.
- In-person events occurring outside will be prioritized when appropriate.
- Where meetings or gatherings take place indoors, masks will be required at least until such time they are not longer recommended by the state, and airflow will be increased through open windows and doors to all extent practicable.
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COVID-19 Emergency Fund

- Enrolled students who find themselves in financial need due to the COVID-19 pandemic may apply for the COA COVID-19 emergency fund.
- Email hardship@coa.edu with “COVID-19 emergency fund” in the subject line to apply. We ask that you write a statement explaining:
  - What your needs are
  - How much money you are requesting to meet these needs
  - When you would need funds
  - Any relative or supporting documentation or information you can provide to help us understand your situation
- This fund is specifically for students struggling as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic and is entirely separate from financial aid or credit balances.

Campus Services

- All campus services, including the Thorndike Library, computer labs, and studios, will be operating according to campus protocols and/or posted protocols unique to each space.
- Please note there is no eating in indoor spaces other than TAB and Sea Urchin and by housing groups in campus housing.

CDC recommendations for fully vaccinated individuals
As of July 27, 2021

- Recommendations for fully vaccinated people have been updated based on new evidence on the B.1.617.2 (Delta) variant currently circulating in the United States, as follows:
  - Fully vaccinated people should wear a mask in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high transmission.
  - Fully vaccinated people might choose to wear a mask regardless of the level of transmission, particularly if they are immunocompromised or at increased risk for severe disease from COVID-19, or if they have someone in their household who is immunocompromised, at increased risk of severe disease, or not fully vaccinated.
  - Fully vaccinated people who have a known exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 should be tested 3-5 days after exposure, and wear a mask in public indoor settings for 14 days or until they receive a negative test result.
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COA Together for Community Agreement

- I understand that I am an integral part of the COA Safe Campus Plan to offer in-person engagement and learning.
- I am vaccinated against COVID-19 or have been approved for a medical or religious exemption.
- I will follow any and all health and safety directives that COA requires that may limit the spread of COVID-19, including but not limited to, proper use of face coverings, frequent and adequate handwashing and hand sanitizing, and physical distancing when needed.
- I will immediately notify the COVID-19 coordinator if I experience symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and will follow the suggested protocols.
  - Symptoms of COVID-19 include, but are not limited to, fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, gastrointestinal distress, and/or new loss of taste or smell.
- I will wear a mask in any space indoors or outside as required by COA or by the State of Maine.
- I will follow all signs and posted guidelines about safety protocols or other restrictions implemented by COA.
- I will not travel to COA campus for fall term if experiencing any symptoms consistent with COVID-19.
- I understand that failure or refusal to comply with COA’s safety policies could result in discipline, up to and including dismissal from COA.
- I understand that COA is open for use by other members of the COA community, vendors, and contractors, and that contact with other individuals may increase my risk of contracting COVID-19.
- I understand that people infected with COVID-19 may be asymptomatic and yet capable of spreading the virus to others.
- I fully understand and appreciate both the known and potential dangers of using the facilities, services, and programs of COA and understand that use by me, despite COA’s reasonable efforts to mitigate such dangers, may result in personal exposure to COVID-19, which could result in quarantine requirements, or, possibly serious illness, long-term hospitalization, disability, and/or death.
- Despite the extensive efforts by COA students, faculty, and staff to be on campus safely during the 2021-22 academic year, COA may determine, upon working with regional and statewide medical, scientific, and governmental partners, and in its sole discretion, that in-person education is no longer safe.
- COA may return to hybrid or remote learning to mitigate this risk to protect the health of students, faculty, or staff.
- By signing below I agree to follow the requirements and guidelines outlined above and to make every effort to keep myself and others safe. Further, I acknowledge the risks associated with returning to campus and choose to return knowing these risks.

Print name ___________________________ Date _____________________

Signature ____________________________________________
The following guidelines apply to specific aspects of the face to face instructional environment for the fall of 2021. These protocols are meant to complement, rather than replace, other similar protocols that spell out larger community expectations and norms.

Faculty Testing:
All faculty who are teaching in an in-person capacity in the fall, or who plan on coming to campus to work, will need to take part in COA’s planned testing regimen. This will require coming to campus during the day on Tuesday, September 7 unless you have arranged for an alternative testing day or have a documented recent PCR negative result that you can provide to the COVID coordinator.

In addition, COA will be instituting randomized testing of our in-person teaching faculty on a weekly basis every Monday. Those faculty who are unable to participate in this testing schedule, or who already are part of a regular testing regime through another organization, should contact the COA Covid-19 Coordinator Amanda Mogridge (covid19coordinator@coa.edu) to discuss various options for alternative testing dates and/or third-party testing verification.

In-Person Classroom Protocols:
Based on the current level of COVID-19 transmission in our community, in-person classes are required to comply with the following guidelines:

1. All students and faculty will be required to wear masks while indoors and in COA vehicles and college-related transportation. This mandate is subject to revision based on the changing nature of COVID’s presence in our community. All masks must meet COA’s masking standards.  
   Clear face shields can be worn in class but should not be considered a substitute for face masks.  
   The same masking protocols for indoor space

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1 Please consult the college’s approved masks lists for the most up-to-date guidance in which types of masks satisfy this requirement. The approved list can be found at https://www.coa.edu/news/covid-19/. The College has a supply of PPE (masks, shields, gloves, etc.) for faculty who need them. You can request PPE by contacting Millard Dority (mdority@coa.edu).

2 The CDC has issued guidelines for the use of clear face coverings, which are different from clear shields: Consider use of clear face coverings that cover the nose and wrap securely around the face by some teachers and staff. Clear face coverings should be determined not to cause any breathing difficulties or overheating for the wearer. Teachers and staff who may consider using clear face coverings include:
   a. Those who interact with students or staff who are deaf or hard of hearing, per the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
   b. Teachers of young students learning to read
use will NOT apply to outdoor classes as long as the outdoor spaces provide adequate ventilation. Non-vaccinated exempt students may have additional protocols that they will need to follow as part of their exemption agreement.

2. Students and faculty will not be permitted to eat or drink while in class. Classes longer than 75 minutes should, at a minimum, offer students a 10-minute break to allow students to leave the space as needed. At their discretion, faculty can also plan for more frequent “masking breaks” to allow students to move outside, drink water, etc.

3. Faculty will be permitted to host in-person meetings in their offices as long as all participants are masked.

4. Outside guests will be allowed to visit classes as long as they are vaccinated and comply with all of the other standard masking directives. The faculty member who is sponsoring their visit is responsible for verifying their vaccination status.

5. Unlike last year, the college will return to our usual schedule of 1:25 blocks (vs the 1:15 blocks we had last year).

**Exposure Procedure, Spread Mitigation:**
The following protocols address how to handle situations in which a student or faculty is symptomatic, has tested positive for COVID-19, or has been exposed (via close contact) to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

1. **Student or faculty with COVID symptoms:** Any COA community member who is experiencing COVID-related symptoms, should immediately quarantine themselves, report their symptoms through the CoVerified app, and also report their symptoms directly to COA’s COVID coordinator who will then advise them as to next steps. All community members who experience symptoms should remain in quarantine until they are approved to return from quarantine by the coordinator.

In the case of students who are experiencing symptoms, they should also alert their respective instructors that they will not be coming to in-person class sessions until cleared by the coordinator and should arrange for any potential accommodation to attend classes virtually or to modify assigned classwork for virtual participation or submission.

c. Teachers of students in English as a second language classes
d. Teachers of students with disabilities
e. Clear face coverings are not face shields. CDC does not recommend use of face shields for normal everyday activities or as a substitute for cloth face coverings because of a lack of evidence of their effectiveness for source control.
Instructors will also be notified by the coordinator of any student who is quarantining due to symptoms.

Faculty members who are experiencing symptoms should alert their classes that they will be teaching remotely until they can also get clearance from the coordinator.³

2. **Student or employee tests positive for COVID-19:** Any COA community member who tests positive for COVID-19 will immediately need to isolate themselves from others. Students should refer to the relevant student life protocols for how this isolation process works. If for whatever reason they have not already been alerted, the infected individual should notify the COVID coordinator immediately as to their positive test result. Anyone who has participated in in-person class sessions with the infected individual within the previous 7 days will be considered as potentially exposed.

As part of the larger contact tracing program, the COVID coordinator will then notify those exposed community members that a student in their class has tested positive and instruct them to immediately quarantine themselves.⁴ **All in-person classes that the infected student is part of will shift to online status, or some equivalent alternative arrangement, until such time as the class is tested and “cleared” to return to in-person status by the coordinator.**

Any student who is a participant in those classes will be required to quarantine and notify their other instructors (where applicable) that they will not be able to attend in-person classes until cleared by the coordinator. Faculty members will also notify their other, non-exposed classes (where applicable) that they will be teaching remotely until the faculty member is cleared by the coordinator.

**Instructional Continuity Planning**

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³ There are several instances outlined in this document in which a faculty member will need to quarantine, but the students in one or more of their classes will not. In those instances, the faculty member may choose to move all aspects of the class online. Alternatively they may also choose a form of hybridity in which they are instructing remotely but some or all of the students continue to appear in person. Faculty should determine what makes the most sense for their respective classes.

⁴ Due to privacy considerations, the COVID coordinator will only notify faculty and students that someone in the class has tested positive. They will not identify that individual. As with any term, under certain circumstances faculty may be notified that a student in their class is no longer able to continue with a class (permanently or for a particular duration) due to health related issues. This fall will be no different in that regard. Similarly, at no time should a faculty member disclose or confirm any health information about a student to any other community members.
All faculty teaching in the fall need to have plans in place for various contingencies in order to provide for potential disruptions due to one or more students contracting COVID-19. There are three general scenarios in which this might take place:

- An individual student or several students will need to miss class time either due to illness or (in the case of F2F classes) due to a mandatory quarantine. In some cases this could persist for up to two weeks or more. Faculty should be prepared to accommodate students who may need to be away from class during this time. This may mean (in the case of F2F classes) providing an online access option for those students who cannot attend class in person due to quarantine. **Faculty should clearly state in their syllabi that they will not penalize students in their grading and evaluations due to a student’s absence for self-quarantining or isolation due to exposure to or contracting COVID-19.** Students will still be expected to arrange with their instructors to access course materials and keep up with their assigned work while in quarantine.

- In some cases it might be necessary to shift an entire F2F class online for a period of time if a student in that class test positive for COVID-19. This shift to online instruction would continue until clearance is provided by the COVID coordinator. Classes may need to remain online for up to two weeks or more, depending on the degree of spread. Instructors teaching F2F classes should be prepared in advance to move their entire course online if this situation arises.

- There is also the possibility that the college may need to enact more sweeping measures to either close campus or, at the very least, shift all classes online for a defined period of time. This may involve a preliminary two week pause in which all in-person classes are moved online pending a reassessment of the situation. However, it is also possible that this pause may be extended throughout the term. Regardless, instructors teaching in-person classes should be prepared to shift their entire course online at any point in the term with the least amount of disruption as possible.

- Those instructors who have offices on campus should be aware that if they are required to quarantine for any reason (exposure, symptoms, positive test) they will NOT be allowed to return to campus, even to gather materials from their office, until they receive clearance from the COVID coordinator. We strongly recommend that all faculty who work from campus should utilize cloud based (or other forms) of backup for their digital work and should consider storing the necessary materials for teaching their classes this term in a central spot or container in their office. This will make it easier for the relevant staff to potentially assist in retrieving materials from your office and transporting them to wherever you will be quarantining or isolating.
**Syllabi Language**
As we did last year, we are requiring faculty to make explicit that no student will be adversely affected (in terms of their grade or narrative) by having to quarantine or isolate as a result of any of the scenarios listed above. Sample language you may wish to use:

Students who are required to quarantine or isolate as a result of possible exposure to COVID-19 will not be penalized (both in their final grade or narrative evaluation) for having to potentially miss in-person sessions or other face to face class activities. I do expect that affected students will be in contact with me to arrange for reasonable accommodations, including online access to synchronous sessions, individual self-directed assignments, or any other possible mechanism to maintain "learning continuity" in the class.

The specific language included in syllabi will vary depending on the nature of your course and your plans for accommodating students who are in these various situations. The main goal of this language is to make clear that compliance with the college’s quarantine and isolation requirements, so long as students are maintaining communication with the faculty member about options for continuing their work, will not adversely impact their grading and evaluation.