

SYLLABUS ADD-ON: COVID-19 REQUIREMENTS

The university has implemented specific requirements to minimize exposure to COVID-19 and support the safety of all faculty and students during the pandemic. These requirements apply to all persons on campus (faculty, staff, students, and visitors):

- **Face coverings.** All persons must wear an appropriate face covering while inside campus facilities/buildings, including classrooms, regardless of the size of the space. The face covering must fit closely and fully cover the nose and mouth. Such coverings must be used *in addition to*—not as a substitute for—social distancing. Persons without a face covering will be asked to wear one or leave the area. Those unable to wear one for medical reasons may provide documentation to request an accommodation through Testing and Disability Services (706-737-1469 or tds@augusta.edu), and must show proof of the accommodation when asked. In the classroom, faculty have the discretion to temporarily suspend this requirement when it directly interferes with instructional efficacy by substantially hindering comprehension of what is being communicated. This should occur briefly, at a safe distance, and only when obviously necessary to fulfill a learning outcome or resolve confusion. Face coverings should be restored immediately afterward.
- **Social distancing.** All persons must maintain at least six (6) feet of separation from others. This distance should be maintained at all times and in all spaces, indoors or out, including classrooms, except where closer proximity is brief and logistically unavoidable (e.g. elevators, hallways). Keep your distance, do not gather in groups, and avoid crowded spaces. Sit only in designated areas in classrooms or similar spaces, and do not move seats or desks in classrooms or common spaces.
- **Proper hygiene.** All persons should wash hands thoroughly and often with soap and water (for at least 20 seconds) or hand sanitizer (containing at least 60% ethanol or 70% isopropanol). Avoid direct contact with high touch surfaces (doorknobs, light switches, campus equipment, devices, vending machines, etc.) and avoid sharing devices, books, pens, or other learning aids with others.
- **Personal disinfection supplies.** All persons are responsible for disinfecting their own workspaces before and after use, including desktops, seats, and any shared equipment. Students, faculty, and staff are responsible for providing their own supplies for this purpose. Used supplies should be disposed of properly.
- **COVID-19 reporting.** Any suspected or confirmed COVID-19 illness at Augusta University should be taken seriously and acted on promptly by following the official protocol posted online here: <https://www.augusta.edu/covid-resources/>.
- **Self-vigilance.** Your role is critical to protect the safety of our entire AU family. If you notice any symptoms or believe you may have been exposed to COVID-19, stay home and report your concerns immediately. If you become ill while on campus, leave immediately, then report your illness to your professors or supervisors as soon as possible. The protocols for symptoms or suspected exposure are posted online at <https://www.augusta.edu/covid-resources/>. Please follow them.

Faculty may ask students who violate these requirements to leave the classroom, mark them absent, and penalize them for any work missed as a result of that absence, as well as report them to the Dean of Students. Students with concerns about non-compliant faculty or staff may report those concerns to the appropriate supervisor (typically, the Department Chair). Willful or repeated infractions may result in disciplinary action under the applicable conduct code for faculty, staff or students.

These requirements are subject to change. Visit jagwire.augusta.edu/coronavirus/ for the latest details.