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# A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

To our students, faculty and staff, let me be the first to welcome you back to Missouri Southern State University for the start of the Fall 2020 semester.

I'm excited to be part of the Lion family and very grateful for the warm welcome Mary and I have received. I look forward to getting to know you in the months and years ahead.

I know the spring semester was a challenging time for everyone at Missouri Southern.

The shift to online learning last spring was not an easy one, and I want to thank the faculty and staff for working to make the transition happen as seamlessly as possible. And to our students, thank you for your understanding and willingness to make this transition along with us.

As we gather for the start of the 2020-21 school year, we are still adjusting to a set of unique challenges. From attending face-to-face classes and living in campus housing, to dining and athletic events – there will be changes to how these have traditionally looked in the past.

In the following pages, you'll find an outline of the policies and best practices put in place by Missouri Southern's COVID-19 Task Force as they worked to create a safe and healthy environment as we begin the Fall 2020 semester.

If you have questions about the policies outlined in this guide, feel free to reach out to the task force at [covidtaskforce@mssu.edu](mailto:covidtaskforce@mssu.edu). I know we will continue to make adjustments and adapt as we move forward; campus will be notified as to any changes to the policies within as they are made.

We will work together to meet these challenges head-on, and I believe MSSU has a very bright future.

**Dr. Dean Van Galen**

President, Missouri Southern State University



## ABOUT OUR OPERATING PLAN

Missouri Southern's plan will help the university achieve its dual goals of providing students with a quality education while also keeping the campus community safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. Even as we navigate these unprecedented times, MSSU will deliver the kinds of exceptional educational experiences that students expect and that our faculty and staff work so hard to provide.

While new policies and protocols will require us to go about our work differently, quality instruction in the classroom, meaningful interactions among faculty and students, and extraordinary outside-the-classroom opportunities will continue to be hallmarks of the Missouri Southern experience. By establishing policies and procedures that reflect best practices as identified by local and national health and other experts, Missouri Southern has developed a science-based response to the pandemic that prioritizes safety while also allowing us to meet the educational needs of our students.

The health and safety of our faculty, staff, students and the public with whom we interact will continue to be a priority as we monitor and respond to the ongoing pandemic. As our knowledge and understanding of the COVID-19 virus continue to evolve and more information becomes available in the weeks and months ahead, we will update our policies and plans as appropriate. You can find the most current information about the university's COVID-19 response at [emergency.mssu.edu](https://emergency.mssu.edu).



# GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The following principles were followed in creating this guide:

Missouri Southern follows all requirements established by the [State of Missouri](#), the [Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services](#) and the [Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development](#).

Missouri Southern will work closely with the City of Joplin and the Joplin Health Department to guide decisions impacting the health and safety of its campus and the broader community.

Missouri Southern will consult the latest guidance from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services to develop policies and procedures.

Missouri Southern will use the White House [Opening Up America Again](#), Governor Mike Parson's [Show Me Strong](#) and the City of Joplin [Response and Recovery Plan](#) to guide planning decisions.

**Missouri Southern will implement plans to mitigate risks to the campus, such as:**

- Cleaning and sanitizing plan
- COVID-19 testing plan
- Face-covering plan
- Student, employee and supervisor training

# HEALTH AND SAFETY



## WASH

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds & clean/disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces



## COVER

Cover your cough or sneeze with your sleeve or a disposable tissue



## DISTANCE

Stay 6' away from those around you & avoid close contact with people who are sick



## AVOID

Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth



## STAY

If you experience respiratory symptoms like a fever or cough, stay home

## SYMPTOMS MONITORING AND SELF-ASSESSMENT

To assist with self-checks, MSSU is deploying #CampusClear, a daily self-screening smart phone app and campus "FastPass" developed by several higher education institutions. We highly encourage everyone in our learning community to use #CampusClear before coming to class on campus each day. #CampusClear information will only be used by the MSSU Willcoxon Health Center staff to assist with monitoring, managing, and communicating the potential spread of COVID-19.



To use the app, go to your phone app store and search for and download the #CampusClear app. The instructions to setup and use #CampusClear are available on the [emergency.mssu.edu](https://emergency.mssu.edu).

## PERSONAL SAFETY PRACTICES

COVID-19 Task Force members have identified several personal safety practices that will be required of all faculty and staff when you are on campus. These include:

- Face masks/cloth face coverings
- Hand washing
- Social distancing

### FACE MASKS/CLOTH FACE COVERINGS

When on campus, everyone – including faculty, staff, students and visitors – are expected to wear face masks or face coverings when in the presence of others and/or in public areas where social distancing measures (less than 6 feet) are difficult to maintain such as in common workspaces, hallways, stairwells, meeting rooms and classrooms. Exceptions to the rule will be those who are alone in an office or work space and well distanced from others, students alone in their residence hall rooms, those who are outside and well-distanced from others, and those who have a recognized disability and have an accommodation that prevents wearing a mask. Students and employees with recognized disabilities that prevent wearing a mask should contact the Office of Disability Services, if a student, or the Human Resources Office, if an employee.

Scientific studies have shown that mask-wearing dramatically reduces the chances of spreading COVID-19. The requirement will be in place on campus for the foreseeable future and will be reassessed by President's Council regularly. Appropriate use of face masks or coverings is critical in minimizing risks to others since you can spread COVID-19 to others even if you do not feel sick. MSSU will provide all students, faculty and staff members with two reusable MSSU-branded cloth mask prior to the start of the Fall 2020 semester. Additionally, all faculty will be provided a reusable clear face shield in lieu of a mask to use when lecturing. Additional disposable masks will be available for visitors in the interim or for those who may not have a mask. Employees should provide all visitors with a mask as a courtesy from the university should they see someone who needs one. Additional masks will be available for purchase from the Missouri Southern Bookstore.

It's recommended that cloth face coverings be worn for one day and then properly laundered before use again. Please note that wearing a face mask or cloth face covering is not a substitute for physical distancing.

## PROPER USE AND CARE OF FACE COVERINGS

- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer prior to handling the face covering.
- Ensure the face covering fits over your nose and under your chin.
- Situate the face covering properly with nose wire snug against the bridge of your nose (where applicable).
- Tie straps behind your head and neck or loop around your ears. The covering should be tight against your face but not uncomfortable. Consider adjusting the ear loops with rubber bands or clips if necessary.
- Throughout the process, avoid touching the front of your face covering.
- Do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth when removing the face covering.
- When taking off the face covering, loop your finger into the strap and pull the strap away from the ear, or untie the straps.
- Wash your hands immediately after removing.
- Keep your face coverings/disposable masks stored in a paper bag when not in use.
- Cloth face coverings can be used for one day and then must be washed. Cloth face coverings should be properly laundered with regular clothing detergent before you use it the first time, and after each day it is worn.
- You should immediately replace your cloth face coverings if they are soiled, damaged (e.g. ripped, punctured or visibly contaminated).
- Use disposable masks for one day and then place it in the trash. Do not use if it is soiled, damaged (e.g., stretched ear loops, torn or punctured material) or visibly contaminated.

## GUIDELINES FOR WHEN SICK OR CLOSE CONTACT WITH A PERSON WITH COVID-19

Students, faculty, and staff who are sick or have recently had close contact with a person with COVID-19 should stay home or in their living quarters (e.g., dorm room), monitor their health, and make contact with the MSSU Willcoxon Health Center. Healthcare workers and critical infrastructure workers may fall under different guidelines. Sick individuals should stay at home without fear of reprisal. Students and employees should continue to communicate with their instructors or supervisors during this time.

- Students, faculty, and staff should stay home when they have tested positive for COVID-19 and contact the MSSU Willcoxon Health Center. Employees or supervisors should also contact HR.

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- All positive COVID-19 tests from the Willcoxon Health Center are reported to the Joplin Health Department. If a student or employee tests positive at an outside facility, they should notify the Willcoxon Health Center. Both of these offices will work together to notify other health officials, as well as impacted faculty, staff, and students based on contact tracing and local health department guidance of any case of COVID-19 while maintaining confidentiality in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), FERPA or and other applicable laws and regulations. If you have not been notified and have questions about whether you should return to campus, contact the Willcoxon Health Center.

**Students:** Contact the Willcoxon Health Center (417-625-9323 or COVID19HC@mssu.edu)

**Faculty/Staff:** Contact the Willcoxon Health Center (417-625-9323 or COVID19HC@mssu.edu) and Human Resources (417-625-9527)

## MAINTAINING HEALTHY ENVIRONMENTS

### CLEANING AND DISINFECTION

- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces (e.g., door handles, sink handles, drinking fountains, grab bars, hand railings, bathroom stalls, dining hall tables) within facilities at least daily or between use as much as possible. Use of shared objects (e.g., lab equipment, computer equipment, desks) should be limited when possible, or cleaned between use. Custodial staff will continue to do their routine cleaning and disinfecting, however it is up to individual faculty and staff to disinfect their classrooms or high-use areas after use. Sanitizing spray will be provided in each classroom by the Physical Plant. Building occupants should wipe down commonly used surfaces before and after use, using products that meet the EPA's criteria for use against COVID-19 and are appropriate for the surface. This includes any shared-space location or equipment (e.g., copiers, printers, computers, A/V and other electrical equipment, coffee makers, desks and tables, light switches, doorknobs, etc.).
- If transport vehicles (e.g., buses) are used, drivers should practice all safety actions and protocols as indicated for other staff (e.g., hand hygiene, cloth face coverings). To clean and disinfect buses, vans or other vehicles, see guidance for bus transit operators.

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- Develop a schedule for increased, routine cleaning and disinfection.
- Ensure safe and correct use of cleaners and disinfectants. Use products that meet EPA disinfection criteria.
- Students, faculty and staff should keep their personal items (e.g., cell phones, other electronics) and personal work and living spaces clean. Students, faculty and staff should use disinfectant wipes or other sanitizing products to wipe down shared desks, lab equipment, and other shared objects and surfaces before use.
- Ensure there is adequate ventilation when using cleaning products to prevent students, faculty, staff and visitors from inhaling toxic fumes.
- Physical Plant will centrally stock COVID-19 related cleaning and disinfecting supplies for all classrooms.

### SHARED OBJECTS

- Discourage sharing of items that are difficult to clean or disinfect.
- Ensure adequate supplies to minimize sharing of high-touch materials to the extent possible (e.g., assigning each student their own art supplies, lab equipment, computers) or limit use of supplies and equipment to one group of students at a time and clean and disinfect between use.
- Avoid sharing electronic devices, books, pens and other learning aids.

### VENTILATION

- Faculty and staff should ensure adequate ventilation where possible as well as increasing circulation of outdoor air as much as possible; for example, by leaving your classroom door open, opening windows and doors, etc. Do not open windows and doors if doing so poses a safety or health risk (e.g., risk of falling, triggering asthma symptoms) to students, faculty or staff using the facility.

### WATER SYSTEMS

- Drinking fountains should be cleaned and disinfected, but it's encouraged that faculty, staff and students bring their own water to minimize use and touching of water fountains.

## MODIFIED LAYOUTS

- Classrooms will operate at 50-percent capacity.
- Space seating/desks at least 6 feet apart when feasible. For lecture halls, consider taping off seats and rows to ensure 6-foot distance between seats. If you are unable to space 6 feet between individuals, a mask should be worn at all times.
- Host smaller classes in larger rooms.
- Offer distance learning in addition to in-person classes to help reduce the number of in-person attendees.
- Provide adequate distance between individuals engaged in experiential learning opportunities (e.g., labs, vocational skill-building activities).
- Create distance between students (e.g., skipping rows) when possible.

## PHYSICAL BARRIERS AND GUIDES

- When practical, consider installing physical barriers, such as sneeze guards and partitions, particularly in areas where there are lots of visitors and difficult for individuals to remain at least 6 feet apart (e.g., Bookstore, Lions Den cashier, dining hall cashiers, etc.). Masks are required to enter individual office spaces, which may be an alternative to purchasing additional items that may not necessarily be planned budget expenses. Employees should check with their supervisor to see if a sneeze guard is appropriate.
- Provide physical guides, such as tape on floors or sidewalks and signs on walls, to ensure that individuals remain at least 6 feet apart in lines and at other times.

## COMMUNAL SPACES

- Shared spaces such as dining halls, game rooms, exercise rooms and lounges should be closed if possible; otherwise, stagger use and restrict the number of people allowed in at one time to ensure everyone can stay at least 6 feet apart, and clean and disinfect between use.
- Physical barriers, such as plastic flexible screens, between bathroom sinks and between beds especially when they cannot be at least 6 feet apart could be considered as necessary, if determined by the Physical Plant and Student Affairs.
- For more information on communal spaces in student housing (e.g., laundry rooms, shared bathrooms and recreation areas) follow CDC's guidance for Shared or Congregate Housing.

## FOOD SERVICE

- Provide grab-and-go options for meals. If a cafeteria or group dining room is typically used, serve individually plated meals (versus buffet or any self-serve stations) if possible.
- Use disposable food service items (e.g., utensils, dishes). If disposable items are not feasible or desirable, ensure that all non-disposable food service items are handled with gloves and washed with dish soap and hot water or in a dishwasher. Individuals should wash their hands after removing their gloves or after directly handling used food service items.
- If food is offered at any event, have pre-packaged boxes or bags for each attendee instead of a buffet or family-style meal. Avoid sharing food and utensils and consider the safety of individuals with food allergies.

## MAINTAINING HEALTHY OPERATIONS

### REGULATORY AWARENESS

- Be aware of state or local regulatory agency policies related to group gatherings to determine if and when events can be held.

### GATHERINGS

- Convening in groups increases the risk of viral transmission. Where feasible, you should hold meetings in whole or part using the extensive range of available collaboration tools (e.g., Microsoft Teams, Zoom, telephone, etc.)
- Departments should place visual cue marks in meeting rooms to support social distancing practices among attendees. Everyone is required to wear a mask or face covering while sharing space in a common room.
- Pursue virtual group events, gatherings or meetings, if possible, and promote social distancing of at least 6 feet between people if events are held. Limit group size to the extent possible.
- Pursue options to convene sporting events and participate in sports activities in ways that reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 to players, families, coaches and communities.
- Limit any nonessential visitors, volunteers and activities involving external groups or organizations as possible – especially with individuals who are not from the local geographic area (e.g., community, town, city, or county).

## VIRTUAL MEETINGS

- Replace in-person meetings with video or teleconference calls whenever possible.
- Provide student support services virtually as feasible and encourage social distancing as much as practically possible.

## TRAVEL AND TRANSIT

- Non-essential university travel is limited in accordance with state and local regulations and guidance.
- Students, faculty and staff who use public transportation or ride sharing should use forms of transportation that minimize close contact with others (e.g., biking, walking, driving or riding by car either alone or with household members).
- Students, faculty and staff who use public transportation or ride sharing should follow CDC guidance on how to [protect yourself when using transportation](#). Additionally, commute during less busy times and [clean your hands](#) as soon as possible after your trip.

## MEALS

- Before and after eating, you should wash your hands thoroughly to reduce the potential transmission of the virus. If dining on campus, wear your mask or face covering until you are ready to eat and then replace it afterward. Campus dining areas will be configured to reduce close contact.
- Faculty and staff are encouraged to take food back to their office area or to eat outside whenever possible. If you are eating in your work environment (break room, office, etc.), maintain 6 feet of distance between you and others. You should not sit facing one another. Only remove your mask or face covering to eat, then put it back on. Wipe all surfaces, including table, refrigerator handle, coffee machine, etc., after using them in common areas.

## ELEVATORS

- Limit your use of elevators when possible to avoid being in close proximity with others in a confined space. If you do use an elevator, you are required to wear a face covering regardless of whether you are traveling alone or with others. You also should avoid touching the elevator buttons with your exposed hand/fingers, if possible. Wash your hands or use alcohol-based hand sanitizers upon departing the elevator.

## RESTROOMS

Maximum occupancy of restrooms should be limited to the number of sinks to ensure appropriate social distancing. Wash your hands thoroughly afterward to reduce the potential transmission of the virus.

## WORKING IN OFFICE ENVIRONMENTS

- If you work in an open office environment, maintain at least 6 feet of distance from your co-workers. If possible, have at least one workspace separating you from another co-worker. You must always wear a face covering while in a shared workspace/room.
- Department heads will assess open work environments and meeting rooms before instituting measures to physically separate and increase distance between co-workers and visitors to the work area.

## WORKSPACE MEASURES

- Placing visual cues such as floor decals, colored tape or signs to indicate to people where they should stand while waiting in line.
- Placing one-way directional signage for large open workspaces with multiple throughways to increase distance between people moving through the space when possible.
- If you work in an office, no more than one person should be in the same room unless the required 6 feet of distancing can be consistently maintained. If more than one person is in a room, face coverings must always be worn. A face covering is not required if you are working alone in a confined office space. This does not include partitioned work areas in a large open environment unless partitions are full height.
- Face coverings should be used when inside any Missouri Southern facility where others are present, including when walking in narrow hallways where others travel and in break rooms, conference rooms and other meeting locations.
- To the maximum extent possible, shared equipment should be eliminated (such as phones, desks, office supplies). If items must be shared, they must be disinfected after every use.

## COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS

- Consistent with applicable law and privacy policies, students, faculty and staff should report to MSSU Willcoxon Health Center if they have symptoms of COVID-19, a positive test for COVID-19, or were exposed to someone with COVID-19 within the last 14 days in accordance with [health information sharing regulations for COVID-19](#). All employees should be cognizant of other applicable federal and state privacy and confidentiality laws, such as the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and HIPAA as they pertain to employees and student confidentiality.
- Procedures have been developed by the Willcoxon Health Center as it pertains to confidential notification of faculty, staff, students, families and the public health department regarding anyone who might be impacted. Keep in mind that in some cases, out of an abundance of caution, certain restrictions may be placed by medical professionals or other administrators as necessary.

## LEAVE (TIME OFF) AND EXCUSED ABSENCES

- Flexible sick leave policies and practices are currently in place that enable faculty, staff and students to stay home or self-isolate when they are sick, have been exposed, or are [caring for someone who is sick](#).
  - Examine and revise policies for excused absences and virtual learning (students).
  - The university continues to provide qualifying employees with up to two (2) weeks of telework for situations that meet one of the six (6) items covered under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA). Please contact Human Resources for details as well as the related [form](#). Should employees need additional time beyond the two (2) weeks, they can complete the FMLA request form, ADA request form or file for a leave of absence as indicated below.
  - FMLA is also available to qualifying employees for up to 12 weeks, should they need it for COVID-19 related situations as approved by a medical doctor.
  - The Leave of Absence policy as indicated in the MSSU Employee Handbook is also an option for qualifying employees should they need it.
  - Leave and excused absence policies should be flexible, not be punitive to people for taking time off and should allow sick employees and students to stay home and away from others. Leave and excused absence policies should also account for employees and students who need to stay home with their children if there are school or childcare closures, or to care for sick family members.
- Regarding students returning to classes and facilities after COVID-19 illness, follow CDC's criteria to [discontinue home isolation and quarantine](#).



## BACK-UP STAFFING PLAN

- Departments and supervisors should monitor absenteeism of employees and students, cross-train staff and create a roster of trained back-up staff.
- Faculty and staff should be prepared if the university should have to close and move courses to an online learning format.

## MENTAL WELL-BEING

We know that this pandemic has been a stressful time for many members of our Lion community. Anxiety, fear and strong emotions are common, so we want to make sure you are coping with stress in a healthy way.

- Employees and students are encouraged to take breaks from watching, reading or listening to news stories, including social media, if they are feeling overwhelmed or distressed.
- Continue to focus on eating healthy, exercising, getting sleep and finding time to unwind.
- Talk with people you trust about your concerns and how you are feeling.
- The national distress hotline is: 1-800-985-5990, or text TalkWithUs to 66746.
- Students may wish to contact the MSSU ACTS office for counseling or assistance by calling 417-625-9324 or by e-mail at acts@mssu.edu.
- MSSU employees can contact the CIGNA Employee Assistance Program (EAP) at any time 24/7 for professional assistance (free of charge) by dialing 1-877-622-4327 or 1-888-293-6948.

## CLASSROOM SAFETY

**We are excited to see you back on campus!**

As long as there have been universities, there have been students who have fallen ill.

At Missouri Southern, there are many protocols and procedures in place to ensure that an ill student can continue their learning goals and remain on pace toward graduation. That is our top priority.

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**But the COVID-19 pandemic has created a unique set of challenges.**

- Every effort will be made to ensure our classrooms are cleaned and prepared for when students enter.
- In addition to providing two face masks for each student, faculty and staff member, classes will have the proper tools – such as sanitizing spray, gloves or paper towels – to make learning areas as germ-free as possible.
- Classrooms will be filled at 50 percent capacity with various marking systems to indicate which seats are open.
- In some cases, classes will have reduced numbers in order to maintain correct capacity; others may be moved to larger venues. Students should check LioNet to verify classroom locations or visit with instructors to confirm meeting locations throughout the semester if changes arise.
- A variety of face-covering options will be provided to instructors, including traditional and see-through masks and face shields. Some classes may use audio amplification.
- Students who do not have a documented reason to prevent them from wearing a face covering will be asked to do so. If they refuse, class may be cancelled and the student referred to Student Affairs.
- Labs, computer labs, creative studios and study areas will be open, but with social distancing protocols in place.
- Decisions have not been made about student travel/study abroad for next summer. Travel restrictions and virus levels will be monitored closely.
- For students needing internship or study abroad experiences that cannot be completed due to the pandemic, alternative experiences will be developed and substituted.
- Any student who travels outside of the contiguous United States will be asked to quarantine for 14 days upon their return to the States.
- Our Academic Affairs office has worked in close conjunction with Student Affairs, the Willcoxon Health Center and others around campus to ensure accommodations will be made if a student is not able to be in class.
- Our faculty members are empathetic to their students' needs. If you are experiencing a health issue or other challenge that prevents you from being in the classroom, please notify your instructors immediately.
- In the event of a faculty illness, preparations and processes are in place to provide a qualified replacement instructor.
- The university will take the lead of local, regional and state health officials and can again pivot to an online learning format should the situation require it.

# HOUSING AND CAMPUS LIFE

## MOVE IN AND HOUSING PREPAREDNESS

Room occupancy for campus housing will operate as normal for the Fall 2020 semester.

The primary move-in days will be Aug. 14-16; there will be a limit of two guests per resident on those days. Masks will be required unless prohibited by a medical condition.

Staff recommends that all students living in campus housing bring a thermometer for daily self-screenings, disinfectant for cleaning their living space, and over-the-counter medicine for fever and headaches.

No visitors or overnight guests will be allowed in campus housing.

Additional policies will be announced as decisions are made.

For a complete list of Housing FAQs, visit <https://emergency.mssu.edu/current-students/>.

## LIBRARY

### Study Rooms

Only available on a reservation basis from now until further notice.

- If you would like to check out a study room, you will only be able to do so online at <https://mssu.libcal.com/spaces?lid=3042&gid=5599>.
- Study rooms will not be available for reservations two hours before closing each day. (For example: if we close at 9 p.m., study rooms will be unavailable for checking out past 7 p.m.) This allows enough time for custodial staff to clean and sanitize the rooms for the following day.
- All study rooms will be at half capacity and will require the use of face coverings when rooms are used with more than one person.
- Study room keys will be sanitized after each use by staff.

## Checking In Materials

In keeping with the American Library Association (ALA) and CDC guidelines, the following changes will be in place until further notice.

- Students, faculty and staff will now be asked to use the Self Check-In station when returning items at the third floor Circulation Service Desk.
  - Patrons will then place items in a large black bin located to the left of the check in station. Items will be quarantined for 72+ hours.
  - Staff will be available to walk patrons through the process.
- Books, DVDs and other soft materials are not able to be sanitized and must be quarantined for 72 hours or more to allow any potential virus to die before it is safe to reshelve them.

## Book Drop

Patrons are still able to return items in the book drop located outside of the library; items will be placed in a 72-hour quarantine **before** being checked in. To avoid late fees, return items in ample time.

## Donations

All donations will be contact-less, with material being placed in the tub outside L-329 and quarantined for 72 hours.

## Electronic Resources

The library will be installing a new discovery tool in August. Until it is ready, Google Scholar will act as a search guide for academic resources. Students are reminded to utilize the [free Inter Library Loan](#) service for articles, instead of paying for access through Google Scholar.

Journal Finder will no longer be available after August 1st.

There have been many changes to database and journal subscriptions. Please reach out for assistance if you have questions.

### **Social Distancing**

Furniture has been moved throughout the library to encourage social distancing. Please leave furniture in its original place.

### **Contact**

- Email: [Librcirc@mssu.edu](mailto:Librcirc@mssu.edu)
- Chat: [www.mssu.edu/academics/library](http://www.mssu.edu/academics/library)
- Text: 417-720-2079
- Phone: 417-625-9362

### **BEIMDIEK RECREATION CENTER**

Located in Billingsly Student Center, the Beimdiek Recreation Center continues to comply with local safety regulations.

The recreation center is currently operating at 25 percent capacity. Students/employees exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 will not be allowed entrance. Hand sanitizing stations will be offered.

Sign-in sheets (guest waivers) will not be available.

Visitors should disinfect equipment before and after each use. Staff will disinfect common surfaces – such as handrails, water fountains and countertops – each hour throughout the day.

Lockers and showers are available for use.

Group fitness classes with social distancing will be offered.

# ATHLETICS

MSSU student-athletes will be required to complete daily self-reporting of temperature and/or symptoms for a period of 14 days prior to using any MSSU athletic facilities. They will report their data to their head coach and the MSSU athletic staff for monitoring.

Once on campus, student-athletes, staff and coaches will continue to conduct self-checks (e.g. temperature screening and symptom checking) each day, prior to entering any MSSU athletic facility. Anyone with a temperature of 100.4 or above should remain home and seek advice from the athletic training staff or the MSSU Willcoxon Health Center.

Student-athletes, staff and coaches will be provided one cloth face mask each from the Athletic Department and will be encouraged to follow the MSSU face covering policy.

The MSSU Athletic Department will continue to follow guidelines set by the NCAA and MIAA.





# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

## COVID-19 TESTING SITES

### **Willcoxon Health Center, MSSU**

3950 East Newman Road, Joplin | 417-625-9323

Limited availability; appointment required.

### **Freeman Hospital**

A call center and drive-thru testing site is available in Joplin for COVID-19.

Those who have symptoms of the illness may call the test center at 417-347-6444.

[www.freemanhealth.com/service/covid-19](http://www.freemanhealth.com/service/covid-19)

### **Walmart Store No. 79**

2623 W. Seventh St., Joplin | 800-635-8611

Drive-thru testing available from 7 to 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

### **Complete online form for screening/appointment:**

[www.joplinmo.org/1080/Walmart-eTrueNorth-Testing-Site](http://www.joplinmo.org/1080/Walmart-eTrueNorth-Testing-Site)

[www.doineedacovid19test.com](http://www.doineedacovid19test.com)

### **Ozarks Community Hospital Jasper County Clinic**

327 E. Airport Drive Carthage, Mo. 64836 | 417-237-0604 or 417-358-4567

*\* For employees, testing services are only covered by CIGNA medical insurance if ordered by a physician for diagnostic purposes only.*

## ONLINE RESOURCES

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** - [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

**Missouri Southern State University** - [emergency.mssu.edu](http://emergency.mssu.edu)

# ABOUT THE COVID-19 TASK FORCE

Missouri Southern's COVID-19 task force was formed in the wake of the pandemic to address issues facing the health and safety of all members of our Lion community, and to address issues relating to the safe reopening of campus for the Fall 2020 semester.

## Members of the task force are:

- Co-Chair: Darren Fullerton, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management
- Co-Chair: Dr. Paula Carson, Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs
- Jared Bruggeman, Director of Athletics
- Rob Yust, Vice President of Business Affairs
- Brenda Beasley, Academic Affairs Project Manager
- Josh Doak, Director of Residence Life
- Cheryl Dobson, Registrar
- Bryan Goodwin, Physical Plant Director
- Dr. Mikh Gunderman, Faculty Senate President
- Evan Jewsbury, Chief Human Resources Officer
- Heather Lesmeister, Director of University Relations & Marketing
- Don Mihulka, Chief Information Officer
- Dr. Nick Nicoletti, Empowering U
- Debra Schow-Smith, Staff Senate President
- Scott Snell, Director of Distance Learning
- Julie Stamps, Director of the Willcoxon Health Center
- Dr. Chad Stebbins, Director of the Institute of International Studies
- Dr. Julie Wengert, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs/Dean of Students
- Hayley Ward, Student Senate President
- Bill Gipson, Board of Governors