PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE ON COVID-19 SAFETY

Effective Date: January 27, 2021

To the LSU Community:

This directive is for the collective safety of the campus community and will stay in place until cancelled by a subsequent Presidential Directive. As part of the effort to protect and promote the health and safety of the university, the following protocols must be followed by the entire campus community. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

COVID-19 Testing

- Students living in residence halls and other campus housing will be required to take COVID-19 tests whenever a heightened probability of exposure is detected through wastewater testing, reported numbers of positive COVID-19 tests, LSU’s Daily Symptom Checker, or other metrics.
- Random Sentinel Testing: Students who are asked to participate in random sentinel testing are required to take a test within the timeframe provided in the official request.

Face Covering

Face coverings over the mouth and nose shall be properly worn in the following locations:

- Inside classrooms or meeting rooms with faculty at all times;
- When entering or leaving classrooms or buildings at all times;
- Inside public transportation vehicles at all times;
- In any other inside space especially when six feet of social distancing cannot be maintained;
  - Face coverings may be removed when eating or drinking in designated food service spaces configured with proper social distancing.
- Outdoors in public corridors, especially when six feet of social distancing cannot be strictly maintained.
**Physical Isolation/Quarantine**

The following isolation protocols are mandated for everyone in the campus community:

If you are *symptomatic and are confirmed positive*, you must self-isolate until the below criteria are met:

- 10 days have passed since the onset of symptoms and symptoms have improved; and
- 24 hours have passed without fever (without the use of fever reducing medications)

If you are *asymptomatic and are confirmed positive*:

- Immediate self-isolation until at least 10 days have passed since the date of the positive test result

If you have close contact with someone who is confirmed positive for COVID-19 (close contact is fifteen minutes or more within six feet):

- Immediate quarantine for 10 days after your last contact with the person who is COVID-19 positive if all three of the following requirements are met:
  - You must not have experienced any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 since your exposure to the positive case.
  - You must receive a negative COVID-19 test result. This test can be PCR or a rapid antigen test, and the test must take place on or after Day 10. Students, faculty, and staff must submit a copy of their test results to the EOC.
  - You are required to fill out the daily symptom checker for 14 days from the date of your last close contact with a positive case, even if you are not coming to campus.

- If you chose not to satisfy all three requirements for 10 day quarantine, then you must immediately quarantine for 14 days after your last contact with the person who is COVID-19 positive.

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**Daily Symptom Checker**

- Students and employees physically coming to LSU’s campus are required to complete a daily symptom checker that will be sent via text message or email. The symptom checker facilitates self-monitoring and reporting of possible COVID-19 symptoms, COVID-19 test results, and possible close contacts with other individuals who test positive for COVID-19.

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*Isolation* refers to separating people infected with SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, from people who are not infected. *Quarantine* refers to keeping someone who might have been exposed to COVID-19 away from others.
• If an individual completes the daily symptom checker and subsequently receives a positive test result or is identified as a close contact later in the same day, the individual must return to the symptom checker and submit it again with updated information.

In-person Meetings and Events

• All indoor meetings and events will be limited to 25% capacity (as determined by State Fire Marshal) or a maximum 75 people (whichever is less).
• All outdoor meetings and events will be limited to 25% capacity (as determined by State Fire Marshal) or a maximum 150 people (whichever is less). All in-person attendees will be required to follow CDC guidelines for physical distancing and personal hygiene.
• Face coverings are required.
• All meetings and events over 10 in-person attendees will require EOC approval. Registered Student Organizations will obtain that approval through the existing TigerLink event approval process. Departments and off-campus organizations will have a separate EOC approval form.
• If groups are unable to find appropriate space, the meeting or event will need to be held in a virtual or hybrid environment.

Entry to Certain On-campus Facilities

Certain high-traffic facilities on campus will require confirmation of approval via the daily symptom checker in order to enter the facility. This will be done through the scanning of QR codes provided to individuals when the symptom checker is completed and the individual has met requirements to be approved to come to campus. The approval confirmation must be provided, if requested, in order to enter the facility.

Accommodations

Some students and staff will not be able to wear a mask and/or other face coverings due to medical constraints. Those students should contact the Office of Disability Services to properly document their limitations and determine a plan for accommodation.

Similarly, employees who have a medical issue preventing the use of a face covering should contact the Office of Human Resource Management to properly document their medical constraint and determine a plan for proper accommodations.
Enforcement

Students who fail to comply with this directive will be referred to the Office of Student Advocacy and Accountability for violating the Code of Student of Conduct (10.2.I). Employees failing to comply with this directive may be referred to the Office of Human Resource Management for discipline.