



GRCC
GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

COVID-19 Response

Student Return to Campus Resource Guide

Fall 2020

WELCOME BACK!

The safety and wellness of our students, employees, and community remains our top priority as we return to campus.

This Student Resource Guide provides the information needed so you know what to expect when returning to campus.

In addition, we will continue to update the www.grcc.edu/coronavirus website where you can access all the plans and information regarding our COVID-19 response.

We've also created a dedicated team to address all things COVID-19 on campus who meet on a weekly basis to monitor community data and implement best safety practices. If you have any questions or concerns, please email them at covidresponseteam@grcc.edu.

We can't wait to welcome you back to campus!





Phased-in Return Plan

GRCC prepared a six-phase approach to resume campus operations.

- The plan outlines the levels of activity, restrictions and types of protocols required as we move through returning more students and activities to campus.
- The plan is not date specific and will adjust based on state and local guidance.
- The plan can be viewed on the COVID Response website: [Phased Return to Campus Plan](https://www.grcc.edu/CoronaVirus)

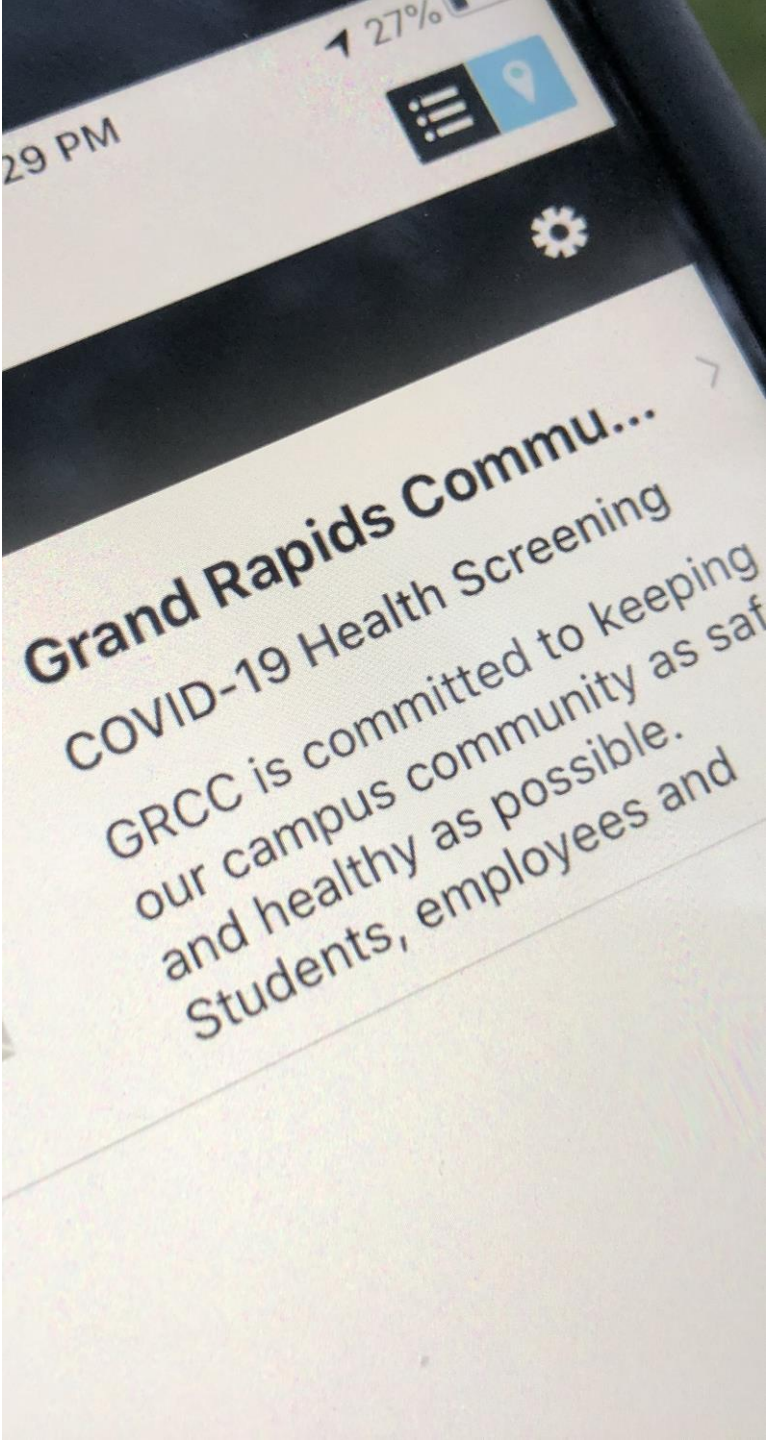
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- **Face coverings are required in all campus buildings** when you are in public and shared environments such as classrooms, bookstore, food service areas, library, hallways and restrooms (or where 6 feet distance cannot be maintained outdoors).
 - Scarves, disposable face masks or cloth coverings are all acceptable.
 - If you do not have a face-covering, disposable face coverings can be obtained from Campus Police.
- Additional PPE may be required based on class and curricular requirements and would be provided.
- Visit this [webpage](#) to review the full policy

Students who are unable to comply with the COVID-19 return to campus requirements because of a disability or medical condition should contact Disability Support Services by emailing disability@grcc.edu or calling 616-234-2105.

DSS will work with you to review any documentation you have related to your disability and discuss accommodations and options.





Health Screening Requirement

Each day you come to campus for class, for an appointment, or to use campus space or services, you are required to complete a health screening form. You only need to complete this form when you physically come to campus.

You can submit this screening two ways,

1. You can download the Rave Guardian app from the [Apple Store or Google Play Store](#). You must register with your mobile number and your GRCC-issued email account to access the GRCC form.
2. Or, by logging into your Online Center account, <https://oc.grcc.edu/>, you can access the “COVID-19 Return to Campus” tile where you can complete the daily health screening form.



Additional Student Safety Protocols

- Daily health and symptom screenings are required through the online center before returning to campus.
 - If you don't feel well, you are required to stay home
 - Students who report any known COVID symptoms are not allowed on campus.
 - Please follow normal absence reporting procedures and notify your instructor.
- On-site temperature checks will only be used for academic programs that require person-to-person contact.
- Students will be required to practice recommended social distancing.
- Students will be required to practice appropriate hygiene behaviors.

Campus Safeguards

We've taken many steps to prepare to welcome students back to campus:

- Daily symptom screening for anyone scheduled to be on campus.
- Face coverings will be required of everyone in public and shared spaces on campus. Face shields are not an allowable alternative.
- Additional personal protective equipment (PPE) will be required based on specific class requirements, such as gloves, face shields, and other equipment (these requirements will be communicated by your faculty).
- Plexiglass has been added to high-traffic service areas, bookstore, food service and other customer service areas.





Campus Safeguards, Continued

- Furniture has been adjusted in public and lounge areas to promote social distancing.
- Hand-sanitizing dispensers have been added to all buildings and classrooms.
- Additional cleaning supplies are available in public locations.
- Cleaning efforts have been increased in accordance with local health department and CDC guidance.
- Air ventilation rates have increased to bring more fresh air into the buildings.
- Protocols have been established to respond to the report of symptoms, high-risk exposure and confirmed positive test cases.

Campus Cleaning Protocol

- More than 500 hand-sanitizer dispensers have been installed and are accessible in every campus building, and in every classroom. Hand-washing is preferred when possible.
- Our facilities department has increased cleaning rotations in high-traffic areas, in addition to their regular deep-cleaning schedule.
- GRCC cleaning protocols, in accordance with CDC guidelines, are available on the COVID Response [website](#).



Understanding COVID-19

Overview: Signs and Symptoms

COVID-19 causes mild to severe respiratory illness – and can cause a severe pneumonia-like illness. Typical symptoms are:

- Fever (More than 100.4 degrees F)
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Muscle or body aches
- New loss of taste or smell

Symptoms begin two-to-14 days after exposure. Other symptoms include muscle aches, runny nose, nasal congestion, sore throat, nausea and digestive issues, feeling more tired than usual and loss of smell or taste.





Understanding COVID-19

- How is COVID-19 Spread?
 - Person-to-person.
 - Exposure to respiratory droplets from someone who is infected.
 - People without symptoms are able to spread the virus.
 - Contact with contaminated surfaces and then touching eyes, nose or mouth.

Following recommended safety precautions helps reduce the chance of being exposed to COVID-19 but does not eliminate the possibility of transmission.

What happens if I have symptoms, have been exposed, or test positive for COVID-19?

- Students with symptoms should not come to campus and self-quarantine for the recommended 14 days.
- Protocols have been developed for both students and employees that document GRCC's response in the event someone reports COVID-19 symptoms, a high-risk exposure, or reports having tested positive for the virus.
- The protocols outline employee and student responsibilities, communication requirements, separation from campus timeframes and when individuals can safely return to campus. The protocols can be viewed on the COVID Response website.
- Testing is readily available and is free of charge. For a list of testing locations, go to: <https://www.accesskent.com/Health/covid-19-testing.htm>



Additional Information

Please take steps to keep yourself and our community safe even when away from campus by social distancing and wearing a face-covering.

For additional information, visit the [COVID website](#).

To report any COVID-19 related issues or concerns, email the COVID Response Team at covidresponseteam@grcc.edu