

IMPORTANT COVID-19 UPDATE FROM TERRA STATE

Good morning Terra State Titans,

This message is an update to students, faculty, and staff regarding our current COVID-19 status on campus, as well as in our communities and across the State of Ohio.

Throughout the remainder of Fall Semester most courses will continue in a remote format. Those courses that need to meet in-person because of clinical or laboratory requirements will continue to meet as scheduled and at the direction of faculty. If you have any questions about your courses please contact your faculty members. This mostly remote format will continue unless Sandusky County worsens to a State of Ohio Public Health Advisory Alert System Purple/Level 4 Public Emergency.

Sandusky County is currently under a Red/Level 3 Public Emergency. Under a Red advisory we must limit activities as much as possible, as the area is experiencing a very high exposure rate and spread of the virus. Our campus has trended similarly over the past two weeks – the number of positive cases has risen and we have had two offices temporarily switch to a fully virtual work environment.

Effective immediately, we would like all employees to wear facial coverings at all times unless eating or drinking or unless they are alone in their office with the door closed. All persons who work in an open area, such as a reception station, are asked to wear facial coverings at all times. For shared desk spaces or computers, we need to make sure employees are wiping down EVERYTHING prior to trading spaces. Students and campus visitors are also required to wear facial coverings before entering buildings.

Looking ahead to Spring Semester 2021 we will begin the term with some minor modifications:

- All employees and students will be asked to complete COVID-19 testing prior to returning to campus after the New Year. Testing on-campus will be available beginning January 6, by appointment only. Information is available online at <http://terra.edu/covid19/index.php>.
- Beginning January 11, our first week of courses will be conducted entirely remotely. Faculty will communicate course plans and information to students. Be sure to check your Canvas.
- Beginning January 18, required laboratory and clinical sessions will meet in-person. Faculty will notify students of their required laboratory or clinical component. All other courses will continue to meet remotely. Again, these plans are contingent upon Sandusky County remaining Red/Level 3 or improving to Orange/Level 2.
- Our goal is to provide in-person learning for all other courses as soon as the situation permits. We will monitor the county's status level and we will communicate updates via official Terra State email and the website.
- If at any time Sandusky County worsens to Purple/Level 4 Public Emergency all courses will be remote, including any laboratory or clinical components.

Your health and wellness are our first priority. Please note all our plans are contingent upon the guidance of State of Ohio and Sandusky County officials. We will continue to communicate any changes to you immediately after we have been given the appropriate guidance from Governor DeWine or Chancellor Gardner.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ron Schumacher, President