Stritch Unstopped 2.0

Following careful deliberation and planning, Cardinal Stritch University will open its campus for the Fall 2020 semester. Using the best information available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the American College Health Association (ACHA) and the North Shore Health Department (NSHD), the Stritch Unstopped plan details the re-opening of campus.

Three committees—Campus Life, Academic Delivery and Public Health and Safety — provided guidance and recommendations on how best to prepare for the safe return of our students, staff, faculty and guests. Several factors were considered while determining the changes that needed to be implemented, including the delicate balance of providing a positive collegiate experience for students and prioritizing the safety and health of the University community as a whole.

As the phased re-opening of the Stritch campus begins, a series of protocols have been established to maintain an environment that protects our students, faculty, staff and guests. This plan details changes that have been made and will impact campus life. We anticipate the need to revise existing protocols and develop additional measures based on the outcome of the phased re-opening of campus. Updates will be shared on a regular basis. Please visit stritch.edu/StritchUnstopped for the latest information.

In shaping this initial plan, and as we continue to adapt our protocols based on evolving information on this global pandemic, we are mindful of the ways our Franciscan values must guide our plans. We will fortify our decisions and actions based on recommendations from the CDC, ACHA and NSHD while maintaining our commitment to creating a caring community, showing compassion, making peace and reverencing all of creation. Our actions will be prudent and responsible without ever forgetting that we are entrusted with the care not only of our students, faculty, staff and guests, but of the families and communities close to them as well. While physical safety is important, we are equally attentive to the mental and emotional concerns of our campus community.

A COVID-19 Response Team meets regularly to review and address a variety of issues and make recommendations to University leaders.

Stritch 2.0 provides updates to the initial plan that was distributed on June 29, 2020.
Phased Re-Opening of the Stritch Campus

Phase 2 of the Stritch Unstopped plan will begin Monday, August 3, with the continued re-opening of campus to faculty and staff members. Employees must complete the SafeColleges online training before returning to campus. Faculty who are teaching online courses must complete the training before the start of the Fall semester. Once these trainings have been completed, Human Resources will inform the employee’s supervisor that the employee is approved to return to campus. The supervisor will email the employee and copy HR, advising the employee of the safety protocols expected to be followed while on campus.

From Monday, August 3 through Friday, August 21, employees and students who do not live on campus should access campus at one of the following staffed entrances:

- Bonaventure Hall (south entrance)
- Joan Steele Stein Center for Communication Studies and Fine Arts (CFA) (main entrance)
- Alfred S. Kliebhan Great Hall (north and south entrances)

Stritch Unstopped Safety Protocols 2.0

1. To help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and reduce the risk of exposure, all students, employees and guests are expected to regularly monitor their personal health status and conduct a daily self-health assessment. This includes taking the following steps and asking the following questions:

   - Have you experienced any of the following symptoms **in the past 48 hours**:
     - Fever or chills
     - Cough
     - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
     - Fatigue
     - Muscle or body aches
     - Headache
     - New loss of taste or smell
     - Sore throat
     - Congestion or runny nose
     - Nausea or vomiting
     - Diarrhea
   - **Within the past 14 days**, have you been in close physical contact (6 feet or closer for at least 15 minutes) with a person who is known to have laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 or with anyone who has any symptoms consistent with COVID-19?
   - **Within the past 14 days**, has a public health or medical professional told you to self-monitor, self-isolate, or self-quarantine because of concerns about COVID-19 infection? This includes if you are waiting on the results of a COVID-19 test that was recommended by a medical professional.
If you answer YES to 1 or more of these questions, follow these directions:

- **Stritch students who live off campus:** Do NOT come to campus. Contact Student Health Services at 414-410-4097, followed by your healthcare provider.

- **Stritch students who live on campus:** Remain in your room. Contact Student Health Services at 414-410-4097 for further instructions.

- **Faculty/Staff:** Do NOT come to campus. Contact your supervisor immediately, followed by your healthcare provider.

- **Campus Visitors:** Do NOT come to campus. Please make alternate arrangements.

Employees who have recently been exposed to someone who has COVID-19 (including members of the employee’s household) should follow the protocol of the Close Contact Exposure to COVID-19 Policy which can be found on my.stritch.edu under COVID-19 Policies and Forms. This policy defines situations in which employees are required to immediately self-monitor and self-quarantine.

2. All students, employees and guests are required to wear face masks/coverings while on campus, should practice safe social distancing, and should be mindful of the importance of hand-washing and respiratory etiquette.

Employees who have a medical condition that prevents them from wearing a face mask/covering will need to provide a note from their primary healthcare provider to Human Resources. Students who have a medical condition that prevents them from wearing a face mask/covering will need to provide a note from their primary healthcare provider to the Student Accessibility Services Coordinator. Once this documentation is submitted further instructions regarding acceptable face mask/covering while on campus in public places will be provided.

Employees who are hearing impaired should work with Human Resources if a face mask/shield interferes with their work. Students who are hearing impaired should work with the Student Accessibility Services Coordinator if the face mask/shield interferes with their academic endeavors.

3. Students will be required to wear their Stritch IDs while on campus. Employees are required to wear their Stritch ID or name tag while on campus.

4. During Phase 2 of the campus re-opening, employees are required to stay in their general work area and limit movement on campus, unless it is work related. Campus tours are exempt from this protocol.

5. Employees are required to clean their work areas and commonly used, shared items with disinfectants. Contact your supervisor for cleaning supplies.
**Positive COVID-19 Tests**
An employee who tests positive for COVID-19 should continue to seek medical attention and update their supervisor. Once notified, supervisors will be expected to work directly with the employee to ensure they obtain the proper clearance from a physician or healthcare provider before being allowed to return to work on campus. Supervisors will inquire about any interactions the employee has had with other members of the Stritch community so that contact tracing protocols and notifications can be made. At all times HIPAA regulations of confidentiality will be followed. Information that is collected will then be communicated to Human Resources who will contact the North Shore Health Department for further guidance and contact tracing protocols.

Any student who tests positive for COVID-19 should continue to seek medical attention and inform the Dean of Students and the Student Health Services staff so that proper protocols can be taken and the North Shore Health Department can be notified for contact tracing procedures. Students will also work closely with the Dean of Students to ensure that proper steps are taken to inform faculty should the student need to attend classes virtually. The Dean of Students will assist the student in obtaining the required clearance to return to face-to-face instruction. At all times HIPAA regulations of confidentiality will be followed.

The CDC has issued these guidelines:

**I think or know I had COVID-19, and I had symptoms**
You can be with others after:

- At least 10 days since symptoms first appeared and
- At least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication and
- Symptoms have improved

If you had severe illness from COVID-19 (you were admitted to a hospital and needed oxygen), your healthcare provider may recommend that you stay in isolation for longer than 10 days after your symptoms first appeared (possibly up to 20 days) and you may need to finish your period of isolation at home. If testing is available in your community, your healthcare provider may recommend that you undergo repeat testing for COVID-19 to end your isolation earlier than would be done according to the criteria above. If so, you can be around others after you receive two negative tests results in a row, from tests done at least 24 hours apart.

**I tested positive for COVID-19 but had no symptoms**
If you continue to have no symptoms, you can be with others after:

- 10 days have passed since the date you had your positive test

If testing is available in your community, your healthcare provider may recommend that you undergo repeat testing for COVID-19 to end your isolation earlier than would be done according to the criteria above. If so, you can be around others after you receive two negative test results in a row, from tests done at least 24 hours apart.

If you develop symptoms after testing positive, follow the guidance above for “I think or know I had COVID, and I had symptoms.”

Academic Delivery

Explanation of Course Delivery Options:

a. **Face-to-Face Model** – faculty will deliver content to students in a traditional classroom with reduced number of students per section, spaced out to accommodate social distancing. Students are required to wear masks during the class period and use disinfecting supplies to clean their work area prior to the start of each class. This is how the majority of courses will continue to be offered.

b. **Hybrid Model** – faculty will deliver some content to students in a traditional face-to-face model, while incorporating a portion of classes online.

c. **Online Only Model** – faculty will maximize the use of technology to deliver academic content in an online format.

Due to the diversity of our courses and faculty’s teaching style, in both the hybrid and online models, faculty may offer courses in different ways. This includes offering courses synchronously, meaning that students will be able to virtually attend class all at the same time using technology such as Zoom. At times, these classes may also be recorded in case a student is ill or has been granted advanced permission to miss the synchronous session. Other faculty will offer their course asynchronously, which allows for flexibility as to when students log on to complete mandatory participation requirements. Lastly, to support student learning, faculty may incorporate face-to-face or virtual small group or individual study sessions. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure they are aware of the expectations of course participation.

**Attendance Policy for Main Campus - Fall 2020**

A student will be considered in attendance and marked “present” when physically attending a class on the Stritch campus. If a student cannot be present in a face-to-face class due to having COVID-19 or having been exposed to the virus, or completing a required quarantine period then the student will be marked “present” by meeting any of the requirements listed below:

- Participating in an online, synchronous class experience (if available)
- Submitting an academic assignment in Canvas
- Taking an exam, an interactive tutorial, or computer-assisted instruction in Canvas
- Attending a study group that is assigned by Stritch faculty, either in person or online
- Participating in an online discussion about academic matters in Canvas
- Initiating contact with a Stritch faculty member to ask a question about the academic subject studied in the course.

A student will be marked “absent” when none of the above apply.

**Meetings with Faculty and Staff**

Faculty office hours will only be held virtually. Every effort will be made to host meetings between faculty/staff members and students virtually and only under extenuating circumstances will face-to-face meetings be considered. If meetings must occur face-to-face, employees must document the time and date of the meeting for possible contact tracing.
**Intercollegiate Athletics**
The National Association for Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) has announced plans to move national championships for fall sports to the spring. The Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC) has announced plans to maintain men’s and women’s cross country conference competitions in the fall and to move men’s and women’s soccer and women’s volleyball conference competitions to the spring. Student-athletes will receive additional information regarding practices and competitions from their coaches and Intercollegiate Athletics staff.

**Protocol for Campus Guests**

- Only pre-scheduled visits will be allowed at this time. Prior to coming to campus, please complete the self-health assessment available at [https://www.stritch.edu/COVIDselfscreen](https://www.stritch.edu/COVIDselfscreen). If you are cleared to come to campus, please follow these directions:
  - Bonaventure Hall – Park in Lot 3 and use Welcome Desk entrance.
  - Joan Steele Stein Center for Communication Studies and Fine Arts – Park in Lot 5 or 8 and use main entrance.

- If you have received approval to use another campus entrance, follow the parking and entrance directions provided by the Stritch employee you are meeting, who is required to meet you at the entrance and accompany you to the meeting location after you have completed your check-in process.

- Upon your arrival, you will be asked to provide your name, telephone number, email address, mailing address, purpose of your visit and arrival time.

- You will be provided a Guest Badge that must be worn throughout the duration of your visit.

- The Stritch faculty/staff member you are meeting will greet you at the entrance and accompany you to the meeting location.

- All guests are required to wear a face mask while in public places and to practice social distancing and respiratory etiquette while on campus.

- Once your meeting is complete, you will be accompanied to the entrance where you arrived to check out before departing campus.
Resources

**Stritch Health Services**  
Clare Hall 147; 414-410-4097

**North Shore Health Department**  

**Wisconsin Department of Health Services**  
https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/index.htm

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**  

Preventative actions to stay healthy, protect your well-being and others

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your face, eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Per CDC recommendation, consider getting an annual influenza vaccine (flu shot).

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