Fall 2021 Restart Guidelines – Updated 9/15/21

1. **Social Distancing:** Classrooms return to 100% capacity, with appropriate social distancing where possible, after considering the latest CDC recommendations. Individuals who are symptomatic (fever, cough, and other related symptoms) are advised to stay home and follow instructions found at: [https://www.collin.edu/covid19/index.html](https://www.collin.edu/covid19/index.html)

2. **Mask Use:** Collin College prioritizes the health and safety of students, employees, and campus visitors. In compliance with state orders, we cannot require students, staff, or faculty to wear masks on campus. However, we encourage the campus community to wear masks indoors. Masks will be available in each classroom and at campus information desks. For employees, KN95 masks may be available upon request from division offices or the provost’s office.

3. **Vaccinations:** We encourage vaccination as part of COVID-19 mitigation options. Collin College plans to continue facilitating vaccination clinics, which are voluntary and free at different campus locations this fall. College students, employees, family members, and community members have the opportunity to receive vaccines during these clinics. Please visit [http://www.collin.edu/covid19/vaccinationssignup.html](http://www.collin.edu/covid19/vaccinationssignup.html) for more information.

4. **Vaccination Incentive Program (VIP):** Information about the VIP programs for students and employees can be found by logging into CougarWeb and clicking on the VIP image for more information.

5. **Dual Credit:** Dual credit students and faculty are required to adhere to Collin College COVID procedures when on Collin College campuses. While in ISD facilities, dual credit students and faculty will follow ISD guidelines.

6. **Intramurals:** Intramural events may be limited and will follow these college restart guidelines.
7. Athletics: Collin College teams will follow NJCAA guidelines and follow the college guidelines in non-competition facilities. Guests will be allowed at games and matches, but they will be required to follow the college guidelines.

8. Department-Specific Procedures: Following current practices, when positive cases are confirmed, faculty and administrators will collaborate to develop alternate class or section procedures to ensure continuity of instruction and mastery of skills.

9. Enhanced Campus Cleaning: Collin College will continue to provide the same level of cleaning supplies for all facilities and continue enhanced cleaning services on all campuses. The bipolar ionization and UV sanitization equipment are installed and operational at all of our campuses.

10. Campus Services: All Collin College campus services have been reopened for regular business hours.

11. Faculty Office Hours: Faculty are expected to resume on-campus office hours. Faculty may seek an alternate physical location on their campus other than their office or other acceptable options to facilitate better social distancing for office hour purposes. Faculty may utilize online office hours for sections taught online and the online component of hybrid sections.

12. Faculty and Staff Travel: Travel for professional development is open to faculty and staff. Employees are advised to follow published travel and quarantine restrictions of the destination and airlines along with following safety protocols. Faculty planning to travel should follow the Council on Excellence’s (COE) travel instructions and guidelines.

13. Student Travel: In addition to following the current student travel guidelines, published travel and quarantine restrictions for airlines and destinations will be followed. Student travel group sizes may be limited.

14. Conference Facilities are open to internal and external events
and will follow the college guidelines. It is recommended that internal meetings of larger groups be conducted virtually when appropriate.

15. **Self-Reporting:** Students, faculty, and staff who experience symptoms associated with COVID or who have been diagnosed with a positive Coronavirus test should continue to follow current reporting procedures available at [www.collin.edu/covid19](http://www.collin.edu/covid19)

16. **2021 Wintermester:** These guidelines are applicable for Wintermester 2021

17. **Spring & Summer 2022:** We will continue collaborating with the AY 2021-22 Restart Taskforce to evaluate directions from the CDC and Texas State Department of Health Services in developing guidelines for Spring and Summer of 2022.