

MTC

COVID-19 STUDENT PLAN

By Executive Order, face coverings must be worn in state buildings, which includes all Midlands Technical College campuses.

Return to Campus: Student FAQs

~Please refer to the [On-Campus Student Plan and Guidelines](#) for more detailed information~

Will students be required to wear a face covering while on campus?

Yes. MTC students are required to wear a face covering while in the presence of others or in public settings on MTC campuses. Public settings including common spaces, meeting rooms, hallways, classrooms, labs, etc.

Where can students purchase a face covering/mask?

Students may purchase face coverings online via [the college bookstore](#) and have them shipped to their home before classes begin. A face covering is required when individuals arrive on campus, and coverings will also be available for purchase at the cashier's office. Students also have the option to purchase from a retailer or [make their own](#).

How will students maintain social distancing on campus?

Everyone must take responsibility for maintaining six feet of separation during interactions with each other. Classrooms, labs, common spaces, waiting areas, and services areas will have social distancing guidance posted and marked.

How will the college help ensure a safe environment?

As always, the health and safety of the MTC community are the top priorities. The college will issue guidelines and protocols based on SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines.

Additionally, the following precautions are being put in place:

- > Cleaning of facilities and equipment will occur much more frequently
- > Protective shields are being installed where appropriate
- > Hand sanitizing stations and sanitizing wipes will be available for cleaning high-touch and personal work spaces
- > New educational and caution signage will be in place throughout the college's campuses and facilities
- > Individual student's circumstances and concerns will be addressed by Student Development Services (SDS)
- > Exposures will be managed according to DHEC and CDC recommendations and the MTC exposure protocol
- > Employees and students are required to adhere to CDC and DHEC safety recommendations

What if students choose not to wear a face covering or observe six feet of distancing?

All prospective and enrolled students, visitors, and employees are expected to fully comply with the procedures, protocols, and guidelines outlined for health and safety on campus. Primary among these are wearing a face covering and observing six feet of distance between individuals. Student Development Services will work with students who are unable to wear face coverings by offering alternative instruction and service options. Failure to comply with the protocols may result in disciplinary action.

What will the fall academic semester be like?

In the fall, there will be a wider range of class delivery formats. Those who prefer face-to-face classes will have plenty of courses, while those who are more comfortable with online (asynchronous), virtual (synchronous), and hybrid formats will also have more options than in the past. We are providing options that are being directly entered in the online schedule. Students can see how a class will be delivered when they [use the Course Search](#) or when they view class availability in Student Planning.

[Training classes](#) through our Corporate and Continuing Education Division are added every week. Please check the website regularly for new offerings. Many classes will continue to be offered online in addition to on campus.

Will students see any changes to attendance requirements?

Many students' lives have been impacted by COVID. Their work or family obligations have only become more challenging in recent months. Faculty will continue to be flexible on attendance in fall and will work with each student based on their individual circumstances to help them successfully complete classes. Faculty will look for a student's presence/participation in the class – which can be measured by active participation, successful completion of assignments, communication with the faculty and physical presence.

When will students be allowed on campus?

Students will return to campus as outlined below:

- > *Corporate and Continuing Education students will return to campus according to a modified schedule.*
- > **June 1**
Select students return for on-campus coursework.
- > **June 15**
Faculty and staff begin to return in phases.
- > **July 27**
Bookstore, cashier, and registration offices open. On-campus student services by appointment only.
- > **August 14**
Fall semester tuition and fees due.
- > **August 24**
Fall academic semester begins. MTC campuses open.

What will MTC do if there is a positive exposure on campus?

Confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19 will be managed according to the College's Exposure Protocol. Actions outlined in the protocol include, when appropriate, coordinating with DHEC to determine course of action and follow-up based upon CDC guidance, coordinating additional cleaning and sanitizing, making appropriate internal notifications to those who may have had an exposure, and managing the return to campus process.

How will services be accessed to maintain social distancing?

The College will continue to provide students the full array of student support services. However, how students access these services will vary depending on the type of services and the size of the service areas. The number of guests a student may bring to an appointment may also be limited to comply with social distancing and safety protocols.

Some services may be provided by appointments only or through various virtual methods. For example, Academic and Career Advising plans to continue advisement via Zoom through the summer, and students will continue to have the option to complete advisement for spring classes using Zoom in the fall semester. Students will also receive many online resources.

How will the college bookstore operate?

Students can continue to order textbooks, supplies, and apparel online at <https://midlandstech.bncollege.com/>. The Barnes and Noble Campus Bookstores will reopen at the Beltline and Airport campuses on July 27, 2020. Books for many of the training classes will be available online or provided on the first day of class for on-campus classes. For those classes that require students to purchase materials, please refer to the materials list on the [course information online](#), or contact the registration department at 803.732.0432.

How will Subway operate?

Subway will be open for fall term for take-out only. Seating in the café will not be available.

Will student organizations continue to meet?

Student organizations will continue to meet virtually.

Some universities will end in person classes at Thanksgiving. Will MTC do the same?

Currently, MTC plans to maintain the 2020-2021 academic [calendar](#) as outlined. This schedule allows students the most flexibility to shift from on campus to online early, middle, or late in the semester as the situation changes or as needs arise.