

AY 2021-22 COVID SAFE POLICIES & PRACTICES - Summer Update

This summer Southwestern College will discontinue tracking vaccinations and boosters. This means there is no longer a requirement for vaccination or boosting to attend on-ground classes.

Masks will continue to be optional in all indoor and outdoor spaces.

State mandates and CDC guidelines will be followed, so if they change over the next three months, so will this Summer 2022 COVID Policy.

We will continue to require students, staff, and faculty to work or attend classes from home for at least 5 days after they have tested positive.

We will continue to request students, staff, and faculty to be extra mindful of their health and exposure. DO NOT TO COME TO CAMPUS if they have been exposed to someone with COVID or are just not feeling well, even if they have not tested positive.

The Summer COVID policy will be revisited in August prior to Fall Quarter and re-issued at that time, since we can't predict how things will be then.

Thank you,

President Ann Filemyr, PhD

CDC AND STATE MANDATES

Southwestern College follows CDC guidance and New Mexico State health mandates.

If these should change at any time during the fall quarter by either limiting the number of persons who can gather indoors, or by closing non-essential businesses, SWC will return to fully online classes via zoom.

ONLINE CLASSES

1. All required courses for degree completion are available online.
2. Students may register for online sections of courses during registration.
3. Most online classes are zoom synchronous and required zoom meeting times are published in the course schedule available under the Files tab in Populi in a folder called Course Schedule.
4. A few online classes are asynchronous. This is indicated in the schedule.
5. Online classes may require asynchronous activity and engagement in discussion boards, etc. This is indicated in the course schedule. Please see course requirements in your syllabus for details.

6. Students enrolled in online classes are welcome to come to campus to utilize campus resources, such as the Art Studio, the Library, etc. See ART STUDIO and LIBRARY below for details. Masks must be worn in all indoor congregate places on campus.
7. For assistance with your IT needs, please contact our very own Seph Turnipseed at sephturnipseed@swc.edu or Chief Technology Officer/IT Goddess Donna Harrington, donnaharrington@swc.edu
8. If a student or a faculty member needs access to adequate WIFI to teach or attend an online course, we will do our best to make classroom space available. Please contact Dianne Deloren to arrange: diannedeloren@swc.edu .
 - a. **Note:** Most outside spaces have access to reasonable Wi-Fi. Please use a headset or earbuds if attending class from an outside location.

REQUIRED NOTIFICATION if you test positive

We participate in statewide efforts for contact tracing, therefore we require faculty, staff and students to report if they test positive.

If you test positive for COVID, students are required to contact Lily Gutierrez, Student & Career Services Director as soon as possible at lilygutierrez@swc.edu

Staff and faculty are required to contact Esperanza Griego as soon as possible at esperanzagriego@swc.edu

LIBRARY

For the duration of the quarter, Quimby Memorial Library will be open for on-site access by students, faculty, and the SWC community, Monday through Friday, from 12:00PM to 5:00PM. Students wishing to access library services, resources, and technologies during these weekday afternoons will not need to make an appointment to do so. In accordance with campus-wide policy, the wearing of masks is required for all SWC community members wishing to enter the library.

In addition to walk-in access to the library on weekday afternoons, students, faculty, and other community members may make appointments to access on-site resources/services and/or meet with librarians, during morning hours. We are understanding of work and other time restrictions, which might make it difficult for students to come to the library during the afternoon hours, and we encourage anyone seeking alternative access to email askthelibrary@swc.edu and request an appointment.

The librarians will be available remotely Monday through Friday, 9:00AM to 5:00PM. During this time, librarians will be providing remote access to online resources, assistance with accessing and navigating databases, reference help, academic article and other resource provision, and other services. Students, faculty, and other community members may email askthelibrary@swc.edu anytime during these hours for timely help and support.

ART STUDIO

When classes start, the drop-in art studio is available for students during regular business hours, Monday-Friday 9 am to 5 pm. It will be open. Students may utilize any art supplies available. In special circumstances or for special needs, students may also arrange to come onto campus after-hours to use the Art Studio. Since the front gate is locked as is the art studio, please contact Dianne in the front office at diannedeloren@swc.edu to arrange.

TNCC

Please see the Tierra Nueva Counseling Center website for TNCC's COVID-related guidelines and requirements, www.tierranuevacounseling.org

We are living through very challenging and difficult times. Let us continue to support each other. Our commitment is to continue to uphold the health of every member of our college community and their families as our top priority.

Thank you for your understanding.