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I. Introduction

The purpose of this document is to offer specific recommendations regarding mitigation measures employed at FAU to limit the spread of COVID-19 in our FAU community. These measures have been identified by health experts as integral to reducing the communication of the virus that causes COVID-19, thus permitting the operations of our community to continue utilizing a conditions-specific approach.

This plan is subject to change and will be updated and communicated based on the latest available information from health authorities and FAU administration.

II. Public Health Policy

In accordance with University Policy 4.1.2. Environmental Health & Safety, public health policy is established by the Public Health Office within the Office of Environmental Health & Safety (EHS). The management of public health for COVID-19 is based on the most current guidance from the CDC, FLDOH, and other regulatory authorities. Public Health policy areas encompassed by this include but are not limited to:

- Establishing the health and safety protocols for the University.
- Evaluation and approval of unit plans to promote safe work environments and maintain compliance with public health policies in collaboration with the Department of Emergency Management (DEM) per University Policy 1.14 Emergency Management
- Evaluation and modification of unit safety plans for efficacy post-execution.
- Establishing site-specific application of CDC guidance including isolation and quarantine policies.
- Oversight of unit-level compliance to established health and safety plans and all applicable rules and procedures, guidelines, regulations, and laws.

III. Definitions
**Close Contact:** Being within approximately 6 feet of a COVID-19 case for a prolonged period of time (15 minutes or more). Note that the 15-minute period identified by the CDC is a cumulative time of all close interactions per day. Avoid all interactions inside the 6-foot range.

**Isolation** - Separates sick people with a contagious disease from people who are not sick for a period of time until they are medically cleared to return to the general population. Isolation is necessary for confirmed and presumptive cases of COVID-19.

**Public Activities:** For the purposes of this document, the term public activities include any activities on campus that take place around others or could potentially bring someone in contact with others.

**Quarantine:** Separates and restricts the movement of people who were exposed to a contagious disease to see if they become sick. Quarantine is necessary for those with close contact to COVID+ cases and other instances as advised by the CDC.

**Safety Triad:** The recommended measures to control the spread of COVID-19, the Safety Triad is the three recommendations of the FAU Community including: face coverings while indoors or in close proximity to others, physical distancing from others and sanitizing hands and surfaces frequently.

**IV. Standard Protective Measures**

All members of the FAU Community have equal responsibility to protect themselves and those around them to control the spread of COVID-19 while on FAU campuses.

Each member of the FAU Community will be responsible for supplying their own face coverings and personal hand sanitizers.

**Stay Home If Sick**

- Do not go to work or school if you are sick
- Contact Student Health Services immediately and follow their instructions.

**Cooperate Fully with Testing and Contact Tracing**

- Provide full information to Student Health Services or the Department of Health when asked.
- Follow instructions for testing when notified.

**Good Hand and Surface Hygiene**

- Wipe down frequently touched or work surfaces before use.
• Wash/sanitize hands frequently.
• Cough/sneeze into a tissue. Dispose of used tissues immediately into a trashcan and then wash hands.

Note: If there are no tissues available, cough/sneeze into the crook of your elbow, not your hands
• Avoid touching your face, eyes, nose, and mouth. This can accelerate the spread of infection.

Recommended: Face Coverings and Physical Distancing

• Wear face coverings, indoors and while in close proximity to others on campus or on FAU Transportation.
• Maintain physical distancing from others.

Vaccination Status

All members of the FAU Community, as well as guests and visitors to FAU, are required to comply with the full measures outlined herein without regard to their personal vaccination status or the vaccination status of those around them.

V. Screening and Attestation

Return-to-campus screening and attestation of health will be conducted with all employees and students prior to their return to campus.

A health screening has been designed for use by employees and students to help those monitoring their health to obtain instructions on next steps.

VI. COVID Testing and Contact Tracking

FAU will conduct voluntary and targeted testing for COVID-19 for both employees and students. The program will be designed around prompt response to positive cases through testing and contact tracking to reduce the potential for spread and hotspots on our campuses. This program will include the availability of on-request testing for students and employees that want to be tested by appointment.

FAU policy will support the isolation and quarantine of COVID+ cases and close contacts, respectively and in accordance with the current guidelines from the CDC.
Case Management Procedure

- All positive cases (or people with any symptoms) of COVID-19 must be reported to Student Health Services as soon as possible (561-297-3512). Positive cases will be required to isolate at their place of residence and must be medically cleared by SHS prior to return to on campus activities.
- SHS will manage cases and contacts and further coordinate with HR and EH&S, as needed.
- Close contacts of COVID+ cases will be tested and required to quarantine at their place of residence under direction of SHS. Reference table below for details.

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COVID-19 Testing Strategy
The testing strategy for the University will include a variety of testing protocols including:

- **Entry Testing**: All Residential students will be required to present a negative COVID test result by defined dates per each term. Messaging to residential students will contain information related to when the test results submitted must be from a test conducted between.
• **Random Testing**: Employees and students will be randomly selected and offered free testing through Student Health Services (SHS) throughout the semester.

• **Targeted Testing**: Employees and students who are symptomatic or have been exposed to someone with symptoms or who has tested positive for COVID-19 will be offered COVID-19 testing through SHS.

• **Other Targeted Testing**: Other special populations may be offered testing through SHS based on current or suspected trends in virus activity on campus.

• **Testing on Demand**: Free testing through SHS will continue to be offered to all students and employees of FAU by appointment at 561-297-3512.

VII. **EH&S COVID-19 Prevention Training**

Trainings will be delivered in CANVAS to all students and employees outlining the requirements of this plan for interaction on the FAU campus.

VIII. **Events and Gatherings**

The need for physical distancing remains the best defense against COVID-19.

**General Recommendations**

- Face coverings and physical distancing are recommended at all times while indoors and in close proximity to others.
- Events are authorized up to 100 people or 25% capacity of the venue.
- CDC guidance on [events and gatherings](#).

IX. **Special Locations**

Some locations (labs, service areas, and vivarium’s, etc.) could have unique requirements, wear protection based on the location you are entering and adhere to posted signs.

X. **Cleaning and Disinfection Practices**

Cleaning and disinfection practices are one of our most important prevention measures, however cleaning practices are **not a replacement for good hand hygiene**.
Note: Campus Custodial will continue to maintain general housekeeping in all areas. This section is focused on COVID-related sanitation and cleaning to reduce the presence of virus on surfaces.

General Recommendations

- When feasible, use an EPA-registered disinfectant that is effective against COVID-19. The list of EPA-registered disinfectants can be found [here](#).
- Most disinfectants will not be effective on a soiled surface, if necessary, clean gross debris and dust from the surface first.
- For cleaning surfaces, use wipes moistened with a disinfectant or a spray and paper towels. Do not use wipes in lieu of hand sanitizer.