



GRAYS HARBOR COLLEGE

COVID-19 Response Plan Academic Year 2021-2022

Authority

[State of Washington Proclamation 20-12.4](#), (Office of the Governor, “Higher Education” effective July 12, 2021.

[State of Washington Proclamation 20-03.3](#), (WA Department of Health, “Face Coverings-Statewide”) effective June 29, 2021

Grays Harbor College [Operational Policy 515](#) and [Administrative Procedure 515.01](#)

[NWAC Return to Play Protocols and Policies](#)

Overview

The Grays Harbor College Board of Trustees has decided that GHC will be a “Fully Vaccinated Campus”, and the college has taken the following steps in order to comply.

- Operational Policy 515 was passed on July 20, 2021.
- GHC will collect vaccination information from students and employees.
- GHC will accept exemptions to vaccination for students and employees. The exemptions accepted are medical, religious, or philosophical.
- Any faculty, staff or student who claims an exemption will be required to wear a face covering in campus buildings. Additionally, all visitors, volunteers, and/or contractors will be required to wear a face covering indoors, regardless of the individual’s vaccination status.
 - Face covering requirements, as well as any applicable exceptions, are governed by Proclamation 20-03.3
 - ***Note face coverings will be required indoors for everyone, regardless of vaccination status, in accordance with Federal, State and Local guidance, as of 7/28/2021. This requirement will be evaluated in the future according to the progression of the virus and the guidance cited previously.**
- Spot checks verifying vaccination status may occur periodically throughout the year.
- Signage will be posted at building entrances notifying people of the requirement to wear masks as applicable.

Vaccination Status

See Administrative Procedure 515.01

Additional Measures

GHC is committed to providing a healthy environment for working and learning. To that end, the college will be taking these additional measures:

- Cleaning will be done per CDC's [Cleaning and Disinfection your Facility](#) guidance.
- PPE and other protective supplies will be provided to the campus community. This includes masks, sanitizing wipes, and alcohol handwashing solution. Other supplies will be procured and supplied as our understanding of the COVID-19 virus advances and CDC, FDA, Lnl, DoH or other agencies with jurisdiction make recommendations.
- Physical barriers or engineering controls to enforce social distancing will be installed, where appropriate, in consultation with the faculty or staff in each area.
- HVAC controls on campus have been adjusted to supply the maximum possible amount of outside air to buildings.
- GHC will follow recommendations from Federal, State or local officials having jurisdiction for face coverings. As of 7/28, this would require all faculty, staff, students and visitors at GHC to wear appropriate face coverings in campus buildings. It is anticipated that we will start fall quarter with a similar requirement.
 - [In the news — Grays Harbor County Public Health & Social Services \(healthygh.org\)](#)
 - [Washington State Coronavirus Response \(COVID-19\)](#)
 - [When You've Been Fully Vaccinated | CDC](#)
- GHC will work cooperatively with Grays Harbor County Public Health in reporting cases, providing information for contact tracing, and assisting with isolation and/or quarantine requirements for our campus community. This includes following the practices included in DoH and CDC documents:
 - [Evaluation and Management of Persons with New Unexplained Symptoms of COVID-19](#)
 - [What to do if you were potentially exposed to somebody with COVID-19](#)
 - [What to do if you have confirmed or suspected COVID-19](#)
 - [What to Do If You are Sick](#)
- In any instance where the governing authorities cited at the beginning of this document conflict with industry specific guidance, the most restrictive guidance will be followed.