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## **COVID-19**

NCC is closely monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic with the first priority being the health, safety and security of students, faculty, and staff. Students should monitor their health daily. Facial personal protective equipment (PPE) are currently required while on the NCC campus. Up to date information can be found at this web address:

<https://www.northampton.edu/coronavirus.htm>.

Students, Faculty and Staff are required to follow the protocols in place while on campus which include wearing PPE and an NCC ID. The Health Check feature on the NCCGo app must also be used, and authorization granted, prior to coming onto campus and reporting for clinical rotations.

Students who have had a high risk exposure to a Covid positive person may be required to be tested and self-quarantine. Students should contact the nurse at NCC's Health and Wellness Center at 610-861-5365 and also consult with their Program Director/Clinical Coordinator and health care provider if there has been any potential exposure or if they are symptomatic.

**Clinical Rotations:** The guidelines for PPE differ slightly at each clinical site and students are required to follow the policy of their location. Students found to be out of compliance with the PPE guidelines will be removed from their clinical site for the remainder of that day and the hours will need to be made up. Any continuing infractions will result in escalating corrective actions.

The Health Check feature on the NCCGo app must be used, and authorization granted, prior to reporting for clinical rotations. The standard call-out procedure must be followed if access is not granted.

The college's clinical affiliates require all students to be vaccinated before they are cleared for clinical rotations to best protect the safety and well-being of patients and our community.

All Allied Health students will be fit tested with N95 respirators before clinical rotations start. Spare N95s will be distributed after the appropriate make/model respirator has been determined and will be replaced when needed. See your Program Director for replacements.