COVID-19 INFECTION STUDENT POLICY

JUNE 15, 2020

This policy is in effect as of June 15, 2020, when we begin the first phase of our re-entry into the building following the statewide stay-at-home orders issued by Governor Pritzker on March 20, 2020. As we return to the use of our building, we want to ensure the health and safety of every member of the CTS community, including students, staff, and faculty. This policy outlines the procedures we will follow should a student who has been in the CTS building become infected with COVID-19. Fully online students do not need to report illness or symptoms if they have not been on-site at CTS, but if they need accommodations related to COVID-19 illness, they should follow the policy for illness set out in the CTS Student Handbook.

SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19

According to the CDC, typical symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fever of 100.4 degrees or above
- Chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell

If a student who has been in the CTS building within the previous 14 days experiences any of the above symptoms, they will be considered presumed positive for COVID-19. They must immediately leave the building if they are on-site when symptoms appear. They must refrain from returning to the building. They must also inform Amy Aschliman, Assistant Director of Student Formation & Community Engagement, of their symptoms.

All sick or symptomatic students are encouraged to seek a COVID-19 test at a state or local government testing center, healthcare center, or other testing locations.

TESTING STATUS

If a student who has been in the CTS building within the past 14 days tests positive for COVID-19, they must follow the same procedure and not enter the building, regardless of whether or not they are experiencing symptoms. They must also inform Amy Aschliman, Assistant Director of Student Formation & Community Engagement that they have tested positive for COVID-19.

RETURNING TO BUILDING

Anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or who has been symptomatic must remain isolated at home for a minimum of 10 days after the test date or onset of symptoms. After the initial ten-day period, the student can return to the CTS building when they have received 2 negative COVID-10 tests in a row with testing done at least 24 hours apart and have been asymptomatic for at least 48 hours.

COMMUNICATION AND ACTION

When Amy Aschliman receives notice of a student who has been in the CTS building within the previous 14 days experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or receiving a positive test for COVID-19, she will inform Shauna Warren, Director of Facilities.

Shauna Warren will review the key card records of entry into the building to determine who may have been in contact with the student. She will then communicate with those individuals, keeping the name and any identifying information of the student private. Anyone who may have come in contact with the infected individual must self-quarantine for 14 days after the last/most recent contact with the infectious individual and should seek a COVID-19 test at a state or local government testing center, healthcare center or other testing locations.

The CTS community will be informed that an individual who has been in the building is positive or presumed positive for COVID-19. This communication will be shared via email, text alerts, and on MyCTS. The communication will never share the student's name or other identifying information. All CTS community members using the building should be on alert for symptoms of fever, cough, or shortness of breath and taking temperature if symptoms develop.

If a student using the CTS building is identified as being COVID-19 positive or presumed positive, the building will close entirely for 48 hours. Stringent cleaning and disinfecting will be performed as soon after the confirmation of a positive test as practical. Another communication will be sent when the building is prepared to reopen.