To prevent the spread of COVID-19 on the college has implemented a health screening and contact tracing process. As required by the New York State, all individuals must complete the health screening process prior to being admitted to campus each day.

Individuals should not report to campus if they have:

- Knowingly been in close or proximate contact in the past 14 days with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or who has or had symptoms of COVID-19;
- Tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days;
- Experienced any symptoms of COVID-19 in the past 14 days.

A) On-site process for screening and temperature checks

When arriving on campus, all employees, students, contractors and visitors will be directed to a screening and scanning station. The campus will have one or more designated access points.

1. Individuals must wear a face covering at all times when in common or shared indoor spaces and when within six feet of others outdoors. Face coverings are required to be worn when approaching a screening point and throughout the screening process. The screener will provide a face mask for individuals who arrive on campus without one.

2. The COVID-19 screening questionnaire must be completed daily by all individuals coming to campus. It can be completed online prior to arriving on campus. Those who have completed the questionnaire should show their phone or device with “complete” designation and a date stamp via screen capture or email, to expedite the process. To minimize contact, we strongly encourage all individuals to complete the form electronically before coming to campus if they are able to do so. Those who do not have access to mobile devices will be assisted in completing the process upon arrival at the screening station.

3. All individuals will have their temperature taken with an infrared thermometer at the screening station. Those with a temperature of 100.4 degrees F or greater, or whose questionnaire responses indicate illness or exposure, will NOT be allowed on campus; they will be sent home with instructions on how to proceed.

4. Color-coded wristbands will be provided to those approved to enter campus once the screening and temperature scanning is complete. These must be worn throughout the entire time an individual is on campus. New wristbands will be issued each day. Any employees or students on campus without a wristband will be directed to a screening station for screening.

5. Employees and students will have their temperature taken with an infrared thermometer at the screening station before being permitted to enter campus each day.

The college is extending the hours for COVID-19 health screening in the parking garage. The hours will now be 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Visitors arriving on campus outside of those hours must go to the health screening station in the Public Safety office in the Campus Center (first floor), which is open 24/7. As a reminder, all individuals
who come to campus are required to undergo the health screening before being permitted on campus. Face coverings must be worn at the screening stations at all times.

If you travelled internationally in the last 14 days, you must quarantine for 14 days upon your return before being allowed on campus and follow the CDC Guidance for Returning from International Travel. In addition, New York State now requires travelers who have visited a state with widespread community transmission of COVID-19 to quarantine for 14 days upon returning to New York. An up-to-date list of affected states is available on the New York State Coronavirus Travel Advisory webpage. If you have travelled to one of these states or foreign countries within 14 days, you must quarantine for 14 days upon your return in accordance the New York State Health Department COVID-19 Precautionary Quarantine Requirements and may not return to campus until you have completed your 14 day quarantine.

B) Screening Questionnaire

To facilitate contract tracing, all individuals must provide the following information:
- First and last name
- Date of birth
- Phone number
- Student/Employee/Visitor/Contractor status
- Location on campus (office or classroom)

Assessment responses will be forwarded electronically to the office of Human Resources, to Health Services and to the technical assistant for administration.

Individuals who have symptoms or answered yes to one of the questions above while on campus will be asked to go home and given further instructions. They will not be permitted on campus.

CDC Links
- Face Coverings
- Washing Face Coverings
- Gloves
- COVID-19 Travel Recommendations by Country
C) Directives For Individuals Who Are Asked To Go Home

Please follow these directives closely! Any individual who came to campus while sick or became sick while on campus should tell their supervisor or professor and go home immediately, then contact Health Services at 518-629-7468 or healthservice@hvcc.edu.

A nurse from Hudson Valley’s Health Services office will communicate with you via a Zoom health appointment or telephone interview to answer questions and provide guidance on the need for further care, testing, and contact tracing, and to advise you on communicating with the appropriate health department. Free testing for COVID-19 is available by calling the New York State COVID-19 Hotline at 1-888-364-3065. In addition to communicating with Hudson Valley’s Health Services office, you may also wish to communicate with your primary care provider for symptom-based supportive therapy.

When to Seek Emergency Medical Attention

Look for emergency warning signs* for COVID-19. If someone is showing any of these signs, seek emergency medical care immediately

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Bluish lips or face

*This list does not include all possible symptoms. Please call your medical provider about any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.

When seeking care for COVID-19-related symptoms, call 911 or call ahead to your local emergency facility and notify the operator that you are seeking care for someone who has or may have COVID-19.

Please note: Employees may not return to work without completing the “Return to Work” process. Health Services will refer to the New York State Department of Health’s “Interim Guidance for Public and Private Employees Returning to Work Following COVID-19 Infection or Exposure” when determining employee and student eligibility to return to work or class after they have been suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19, or after they have had close or proximate contact with a person with COVID-19.

Resource

Rensselaer County Health Department COVID-19 questions: coronainfo@rensco.com or RCDOH COVID-19 Hot line 518-270-0450
New York State COVID-19 information: https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home