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Dear CCV Faculty,

In preparation for the start of the Spring semester next week, I am sending you updated information regarding CCV's COVID-19 protocols. If you have additional questions not covered in the FAQs below, please reach out to your Coordinator of Teaching and Learning (CTL) or our office. Thank you for your continued efforts to support students and prepare for a successful semester.

Best,
Debby

COVID-19 Questions & Answers

- **Are students in hybrid or in-person courses required to be vaccinated?** Yes. Students were required to show proof of vaccination or receive a medical/religious exemption before being allowed to register for in-person or hybrid courses this spring semester. To date, fewer than 15 medical or religious exemptions have been approved.
- **Am I required to be vaccinated?** While vaccination is highly recommended, VSCS faculty and staff are not currently required to be vaccinated.
- **Are students in my in-person class required to be masked? Am I required to be masked?** Yes. Masks are currently required in CCV's academic centers, and to be properly worn should cover both the nose and mouth. Appropriate use of face masks or coverings is critical in minimizing risks to you and others near you. The Vermont Department of Health (VDoH) recommends wearing medical-grade masks; N95 or KN95 masks are preferable. If you wear a cloth mask or gator, VDoH suggests using a surgical mask underneath the cloth.
- **Is social distancing required?** We recommend social distancing whenever possible, but it is not currently required.
- **If a student in my class reveals that they have COVID or someone close to them has COVID, who do I contact?** A student may reach out directly to you to report a positive case or an exposure. Please keep this information confidential and share only on an "as needed" basis. This information should be reported to your CTL or a CCV staff member as soon as possible so they may file a COVID report. Please do NOT inform others in the class unless directed to do so by a CCV director or dean.
- **What do I do if a student in my class is unable to attend because of COVID?** Each situation is different, so it is important to talk with your CTL about the situation. Given the substantial community spread of the Omicron variant, it is important to consider how you can be as flexible as possible in providing alternative means for students to remain current with assignments and class content.

- **What if I or someone close to me contracts COVID?** Reach out as soon as possible to your CTL so that they may work with you to support your needs and the needs of your students.
- **Who is CCV's COVID Response Coordinator?** Maria Basescu is CCV's point person for responding to COVID related reports. She is there to offer support and information to anyone in the CCV learning community through an initial wellness check and follow up. She tracks cases and helps direct individuals to the right internal and external resources as needed. Maria also assists in close contact notifications.
- **Where do I find more COVID-19 information?** For CCV updates on COVID-19—including college-wide communication, resources, protocols, and support—the CCV webpage has a wealth of information: <https://ccv.edu/covid-19>. You can also find general information at the Vermont Department of Health: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19>.

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