

Playbook for a Safe Return to Campus Fall 2022

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Greetings and welcome to the fall 2022 semester. We are all so excited to have you on campus whether you are a first semester freshman or a soon to be graduating senior.

We have all been living with with Covid in this country since March of 2020 and we certainly are better equipped to deal with the virus today than we were almost 30 months ago. We have a substantial number of faculty, staff and students who are vaccinated and boosted. As I write this letter of introduction, Adair County is currently in the green zone and we will monitor and adjust our practices if it changes.

I am so proud of our students and the courtesy they have shown to others during the pandemic. We all have varying levels of fear and respect for the virus and we need to be sensitive to those who are immunocompromised or have a loved one at home in a high risk situation. Consequently, we all need to continue to be diligent and make good decisions.

Lindsey Wilson College will continue to abide by the CDC guidelines and lean on our local health officials as it relates to Covid-19. If anyone asks you to wear a mask in their presence, then be respectful and abide by their request whether it be a classroom, an office or traveling on a school trip. We will continue to offer vaccination clinics on campus if you choose to participate. Those of you who are vaccinated, I want to applaud your efforts to protect your LWC family.

I want you to have a great year here at Lindsey Wilson College! Now please take a moment to familiarize yourself with the *Fall 2022 Playbook*.

Sincerely,

William T. Luckey, Jr.

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President

# Returning to normal operation for the 2022-23 academic year is based on three guiding principles:

- First and foremost, we are concerned about the safety of our Lindsey Wilson College family our students, faculty, and staff.
- Secondly, our students, and our mission, require us to provide the richest experience we can. Our Academic Excellence Statement crafted and unanimously approved by our faculty and President's Cabinet is best achieved through high-quality personal interaction with our gifted faculty for our students.
- Finally, as we emerge from this pandemic it is our collective responsibility to continue to foster healthy habits. We want to ensure this college continues to thrive and grow stronger than it has ever been.



### **COVID-19 Privacy Statement**

Lindsey Wilson College takes privacy regarding the health and wellbeing of our students, faculty, and staff seriously. All employees are to keep any medical/health information received about students, faculty, and staff through their position at the college confidential. When an individual is identified as infected/exposed to COVID-19, employees will not disclose the name of the individual or any personally identifiable information about the individual except under the following circumstances:

- 1. Regarding employees, the information may be shared with HR and a supervisor.
- 2. Regarding students, the information may be shared with Student Services.
- The individual provides written permission with the COVID-19 HIPAA Authorization Form. When individuals
  grant written permission to share his/her medical/health information, it will be used to properly warn others so they
  may take precautionary measures and help prevent furthering the spread of COVID-19.

## **Lindsey Wilson College's Expectations for all Community Members:**

- Complete an electronic HEALTH ASSESSMENT and stay home or in your dorm room if you are sick
  with COVID-19 symptoms or if you have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for
  COVID-19. A representative from Students Services or Human Resources will contact you with
  instructions.
- At any time, students who are sick should contact their resident assistant, resident director, or Student Services as well as their instructors.
- Employees who are sick should contact Human Resources.

The electronic health assessment is available to students at <a href="https://portal.lindsey.edu/utilities/general/studentHealthAssessment/?form">https://portal.lindsey.edu/utilities/general/studentHealthAssessment/?form</a> or on the LWC mobile app under the Health and Safety tile.

The electronic health assessment is available to employees at <a href="https://portal.lindsey.edu/utilities/general/covidQuestionnaire/?form">https://portal.lindsey.edu/utilities/general/covidQuestionnaire/?form</a> or on the myLWC portal.

#### **Vaccination**

It is strongly recommended that all students, faculty, and staff get vaccinated for COVID-19, as well as receive a booster shot when applicable. Free vaccination clinics and booster clinics will be available throughout the semester.

Learn more about how COVID-19 vaccines work, go to:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/facts.html

To find more frequently asked questions about COVID-19 vaccines, go to:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/faq.html

#### **Face Mask Protocol**

At the start of the fall 2022 semester, there will be no mask requirement for non-academic indoor spaces\* or for crowded outdoor settings. Students, faculty, staff, and quests may choose to wear a mask at their own personal discretion. Lindsey Wilson College has personal protective equipment (PPE) available to all employees and students to ensure the safest environment to its members and quests. Individual faculty members may require masks in their classrooms at any time. In addition, anyone leading a meeting (academic or non-academic) on campus may require masks in their respective spaces at their discretion. The college reserves the right to update the face mask protocol for students, faculty, staff, and guests in all spaces to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 should the need arise.

Refusal to comply with the face mask protocol will result in being asked to leave the location you are in, including but not limited to classes and other

designated spaces. Noncompliance by students, faculty, staff, and guests will result in being asked to leave campus at the discretion of the college.

Healthy protocols are encouraged by all students, faculty, staff, and guests of the college. This includes, but is not limited to, frequent handwashing for at least 20 seconds; the use of hand sanitizer; avoiding touching eyes, nose, and mouth; the use of disposable latex gloves when appropriate; and the practice of social distancing (a minimum of six feet apart) when appropriate. To report noncompliance with healthy protocols, email the Office of Public Safety at security@lindsey.edu or call 270-384-8106 or contact Student Services at studentservices@lindsey.edu or call 270-384-8036.

\*Academic spaces will return to a mask mandate if Adair County moves into the CDC's "high" level of community spread.

## Campus Move-in/Check-in

Any student who tests positive for COVID-19 within 5 days prior to their return will not be allowed to access campus facilities, move into their residence hall, take part in campus activities, or attend in person classes. Contact studentservices@lindsey.edu immediately for additional instructions.

For additional information or questions regarding the safe return protocol, email studentservices@lindsey.edu or call 270-384-8036.

#### New Residential Students — Check-In/Move-In:

- Students can pick up their keys on Saturday, August 20 from 9:00-2:00 or by contacting their Resident Director.
- Location: Biggers Sports Center, students and guests arriving for check-in will enter Spickard Drive from Fairgrounds Street (Highway 206); proceed to the top of the hill; the Round house is on your left.

#### Commuter Students — Check-in:

- New commuter student check-in is in Biggers Sports Center on August 20 from 1:00-2:00.
- Returning commuter students can check in on August 12 from 12:30-3:00 in the Holloway Health and Wellness Center.
- · Contact your admissions counselor for details.

#### Move-in Basics:

- We request that new and returning residential students have only two guests accompany them on move-in day.
- Upon completion of move-in, guests are asked to say goodbye to their student to allow others to arrive safely without overcrowding spaces.



## **Director of Health Services/Campus Nurse**



Tamara Coots
Director of Health Services/Campus Nurse
cootst@lindsey.edu or call 270-384-8138

The Director of Health Services is responsible for serving as the campus nurse & wellness educator and leading Lindsey Wilson College's COVID-19 compliance screening center. The nurse's station is located in the Blue Raider Sports Medicine office, which is in the basement of Phillips Hall. For additional information, email Director of Health Services, Tamara Coots (cootst@lindsey.edu) or call 270-384-8138.

#### **LWC COVID-19 Isolation Plan**

\*Whenever possible the college encourages students isolate at home.

Isolation is used to separate people infected with the virus (both those who are sick with COVID-19 and those who have no symptoms) from people who are not infected. People who are in isolation should stay in their residence hall room or home until it's safe for them to be around others. In the home, anyone sick or infected should separate themselves from others by staying in a specific "sick room" or area and using a separate bathroom (if available). Residence Life will work with residential students who are required to be placed in isolation.

- 1. Identify and test students and employees who are symptomatic.
  - Isolate residential students who are symptomatic and refer them to testing.
  - Commuter students and employees who have symptoms will be instructed to stay home and be tested.
  - The college reserves the right to conduct random testing should it be deemed necessary.
- 2. People with COVID-19 should isolate for at least 5 days. If they are asymptomatic or their symptoms are resolving (without fever for 24 hours), then they may be released from isolation, followed by 5 days of mask-wearing when around others. Additional days may be added to isolation time until symptoms are resolving and/or the 24-hour fever-free requirement is met. A release from the health department is required to return to classes and work. It is recommended students isolate at home when possible. Remote instruction will be provided only due to isolation, and students are responsible for all course work as they would be for any other illness.
  - Individuals experiencing moderate or severe illness, or have a weakened immune system may need to isolate for 10 days.
  - Individuals who experience worsened COVID symptoms after ending isolation should restart their 5 day timeline.
- 3. Identify close contacts of positive cases.
  - Track dates, times, and locations on campus where the student(s) or employee(s) have been and identify
    who they came in close contact with during the 48 hours preceding positive test results or the onset of
    symptoms (see Who needs to test? below). Close contacts of positive cases will be required
    to test after day 5, as well as wear a mask for 10 days after contact when around others.
- 4. With the assistance of the student or employee, LWC will be contacting people whom the infected person identifies as close contacts and who may be at risk of contracting COVID-19. LWC reserves the right to implement a quarantine protocol at any time in response to changing conditions or local health department and CDC recommendations.
- 5. If you are unvaccinated and need to leave campus for COVID-19 you are responsible for any costs incurred.

#### Who needs to test?

 Anyone who has been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 and who has NOT previously had COVID-19 within the previous 90 days.

#### What counts as close contact?

- Someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.
- The contact was anytime starting two days prior to the onset of symptoms and ending with the person being cleared from isolation.

#### Who needs to isolate?

- People who have COVID-19.
- People who have symptoms of COVID-19 and are able to recover at home
- People who have no symptoms (are asymptomatic) but have tested positive for COVID-19

#### Who do I need to notify if I am ordered to isolate?

- Students need to notify their resident assistant, resident director, or Student Services and their instructors.
- Faculty and staff need to notify their supervisor and Human Resources as soon as possible.

#### What steps are necessary for isolation?

Commuter students and employees should stay home except to get medical care. Residence Life staff will work with residential students who require isolation.

Monitor your symptoms. If you have an emergency warning sign (including trouble breathing), seek emergency medical care immediately.

- Stay in a separate room from other household members, if possible.
- Use a separate bathroom, if possible.
- Avoid contact with other members of the household and pets.
- Don't share personal household items, like cups, towels, and utensils.
- · Wear a face mask when around other people, if applicable.
- Wear a face mask for an additional 5 days after being released from isolation.
- If you have an emergency, please call 911.

#### When can you be around others after you had or likely had COVID-19?

After you have tested positive, you can be around others when the health department releases you from isolation. The health department will generally release individuals based upon whether or not they are experiencing symptoms. Documentation is required in order to return to work or class.

Individuals with COVID-19 symptoms should be excluded from class, all campus activities, and work until all the following criteria are met:

- At least 5 days have passed since symptoms first appeared. -AND-
- The last 24 hours with improved or resolved symptoms and no fever (100.5 or greater) without the use of fever-reducing medications.

Those having COVID-19 without symptoms should be excluded from classes and/or work until 5 days have passed since the date of their first positive COVID-19 diagnostic test. If symptoms develop after the positive test, the person must continue to isolate for 5 days minimum past the onset of symptoms with improved or resolved symptoms and fever-free without the use of fever-reducing medications for 24 hours.

## **Daily Expectations**

As a student we expect you to be responsible for your actions and to love and protect your LWC family. It is through this sense of responsibility you will be expected to practice healthy habits that protect our LWC community. If you are symptomatic at any time, complete the electronic health assessment by answering three health screening questions. Testing will be required for students who are symptomatic.

Students demonstrating a callous disregard or noncompliance with school officials as it relates to the protocols will be asked to leave the college.

#### **COVID-19 Residential Visitation Plan**

#### Level 1: (Green)

- Normal visitation hours are in effect.
- Outside visitors are welcome.

#### Level 2: (Yellow)

- Limited visitation is allowed with no more than two (2) guests per room/apartment.
- No off -campus visitors are allowed including commuting students.

#### Level 3: (Orange)

- Limited visitation is allowed with no more than one (1) guest per room/apartment.
- No off- campus visitors including commuting students are allowed.
- Face masks and social distancing are required when guests are allowed.

#### Level 4: (Red)

- No visitation is allowed in the residential facilities.
- Students are encouraged to visit outdoors wearing masks, socially distancing and in groups not larger than 10.

#### Level 5:

All residential students are sent home and the semester continues remotely.

Lindsey Wilson College reserves the right to adjust the visitation policy at any time in response to changing conditions or local health department and CDC recommendations.

## The Fall 2022 semester begins at a level GREEN.

The Lindsey Wilson College Playbook for a Safe Return Fall 2022 takes effect August 9, 2022. LWC reserves the right to update any and all policies in response to current COVID-19 transmission levels.

## Stay Connected on the LWC Mobile App:

- 1. Go to www.lwc.campusapp.com (Available on iTunes App Store or Google Play)
- 2. Download the app
- 3. Create an account

#### **LWC Official Social Media to follow:**

- 1. Twitter: @LindseyWilson, @LWCAdmissions, @LWCSGA, @LWCSAB, @LWCAthletics
- 2. Instagram: lindseywilsoncollege
- 3. Snapchat: lindseywilsonc
- 4. Facebook: @LindseyWilsonCollege, @LWCAthletics

