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College Update

At Salina Tech, we are concerned about your health and safety. Due to an increase in the COVID-19 case rates in the region, the Phasing Team met last week to discuss possible changes in the phase color and other protocols at the college. Based upon the conditions in the community, the team recommends a change in Phase to Blue. This change in Phase will reduce the gathering size for groups on campus to a maximum of 45 people within a room within one of our campus buildings. For most programs, this will not change anything about your classes. The main change will be with multi-program gatherings or external groups using the facilities.

BLUE

College buildings open to public, groups of 45 or less for group learning, PPE recommended, social distancing restrictions in place

The team also reviewed the illness checklist and recommended a change in our process.

1. For anyone coming to campus experiencing a single symptom below:
 - Fever (>100.4°F or 38.0°C)
 - New loss of smell or taste

OR

2. For anyone coming to campus experiencing **two** or more symptoms below:
 - Chills or rigors
 - Muscle aches
 - Weakness or malaise
 - Headache
 - Sore throat
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath
 - Diarrhea

You will be asked to leave campus and seek medical advice from a healthcare provider.

If either of the situations above occur, we request that you not attend work/school unless you have been cleared by a medical professional and/or have been quarantined for at least fourteen (14) days. For those who experience a fever, you are not to return to campus until you are well and without fever for 72 hours without medication. We also request that you inform your supervisor/instructor that you are unable to return. We will work with you to come up with a plan to address your educational needs.

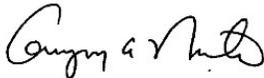
Saline County Health Department recommends that residents help slow the spread of coronavirus. You can do this by:

- Covering all coughs and sneezes.
- Washing your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water or using sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Wearing cloth face coverings or masks when in public.

This recommendation is encouraged for all who attend or visit the Salina Tech campus until further notice. Due to the City of Salina ordinance on masks, you are **required** to wear a mask or face covering regardless of the PHASE COLOR. The Phasing Team reviewed input from employees and available community data. The ordinance has some exceptions, but the college has determined that a change in process is necessary to ensure a safe campus environment. Effective immediately, **all building occupants, including all employees, shall wear masks when attending organized meetings in public or private offices.** The college has a limited supply, but you may bring your own.

Please check www.salinatech.edu frequently for updates.

Sincerely,



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