



Georgia Military College
Five Step Program
Preventing the Introduction & Spread of COVID-19

#1 -- ACTIONS TO TAKE WHILE AT HOME – IF IN DOUBT AS TO YOUR HEALTH DO NOT COME TO CAMPUS!

- We have come to learn that the most important thing we can do to stop the spread of COVID 19 is to take **personal responsibility**, monitor our health, and stay home when we are ill.
- Our expression to highlight this is, **“When in Doubt, Please Stay Out!”**
- When we returned to in-seat learning in August of 2020, we understood that to be successful in mitigating COVID19 at GMC it requires an enduring **partnership between everyone in our GMC Family (students, faculty, and staff)**. Each of us is critical to our Success to **ensure we do not allow the virus to be introduced on our Campus. This is key to our preventative measures to avoid introducing the virus at our College.**
- **Students, faculty, and staff must remain vigilant by monitoring their own health, and by not going to campus/classes if there is any question as to their health.**
- If any student, faculty, or staff member has a fever and/or is exhibiting symptoms related to COVID-19, then that person must stay at home. Symptoms which we all now know include:
 - Fever
 - Cough
 - Shortness of Breath
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore Throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea
- This is not an exhaustive list. **Bottom line – if a student, faculty, or staff member exhibits any of these symptoms, they shall NOT come to Campus.**
- Please check the CDC’s webpage for all other related symptoms by visiting:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>.

#2 – BEFORE ENTERING ANY FACILITY YOU MUST HAVE YOUR TEMPERATURE READ.

- Before entering any facility EVERY person must have their temperature checked using an industrial temperature reading system or hand-held device.
- Any student who registers a temperature of 100 degrees or more will be denied admission to the facility for the day.
- Any faculty or staff member who registers a temperature of 100.4 or more will not be permitted on campus.
- Any student who remains at home out of caution or is sent home will work with their professors and within GMC's attendance policy to ensure their success.

#3 – AIR PURIFICATION AND SURFACE SANITATION.

- While on campus all classrooms and student areas (every facility) will be equipped with ionizer systems which will continually clean indoor air. Ionizer systems have demonstrated in a study to reduce COVID-19 by 99.4% within 30 minutes.
- This is key to the GMC preventative program if the virus is introduced on campus, the virus is immediately eradicated.
- GMC works within the CDC guidelines on enhanced cleaning and use of approved chemicals to fight the spread of COVID-19.
- High traffic areas and 'touch points' are continually sanitized with daily cleaning of all occupied areas.
- Classrooms and student areas are disinfected daily, and more often if needed. There is also a method known as 'fogging' that additionally is used when appropriate.
- All classrooms and student areas are equipped with hand sanitizers to be used upon entry.
- All sinks in restrooms, locker rooms, classrooms, and labs are equipped with soap dispensers for required hand washing and are refilled daily.

#4 – EVERYONE ON CAMPUS, EVEN VISITORS, WILL BE REQUIRED TO HAVE A FACE MASK AT ALL TIMES; AND KNOW WHEN IT SHOULD BE WORN.

- Additionally, all persons must have a mask with them in order to gain entry to a GMC campus.

- All persons coming on a GMC campus will be required to have a face mask or face covering with them at all times and, if using cloth face covering, to maintain cloth face coverings in a sanitary and safe condition.
- As part of GMC's character mission, we will teach etiquette and respect to every person at our College. Out of courtesy and respect for others EVERYONE is encouraged and expected to wear masks inside GMC facilities when social distancing is not feasible, especially in crowded hallways between classes.
- If a student, faculty, or staff is wearing a mask in a classroom and you need to engage with them and are within six feet then out of respect and courtesy you should put on your face mask to talk with them.
- In hallways and common areas, if you are within six feet of someone wearing a mask and are unable to social distance, please wear a mask.
- There is no expectation to wear masks when outside GMC facilities/on GMC grounds.
- If a student, faculty, or staff member, has traveled out of the approximate area where they live, then those individuals should make a personal assessment and determine if they should wear a facial covering around others possibly for ten days out of respect for others.
- In accordance with Governor Kemp's guidance, ALL food service staff, and anyone assisting with serving any food are required to use masks and gloves at all times.

#5 – EVERYONE ON CAMPUS, EVEN VISITORS, WILL FOLLOW THE GMC COVID-19 ETIQUETTE AND PROTOCOLS.

- **Personal hygiene is critical to help mitigate the possible spread of the virus if it is present.** Therefore, we will **teach and insist our students adhere to the following:**
 - The habit of washing hands with soap and water for 20 seconds or using hand sanitizer, continually throughout the day while on campus.
 - The importance of not touching one's own face.
 - Practice contactless greetings and respect of other's personal spaces.
 - Discourage sharing of phones, books, or other personal items.

- Students, faculty, and staff must exercise **SELF-RESPONSIBILITY** and continuously conduct **SELF-ASSESSMENTS** (i.e. “Am I feeling well?”, “What’s my temperature?”, “Is social distancing feasible?”, “Should I be wearing a mask?”).
- Vaccinations for COVID-19 are now readily available. GMC will educate students, faculty, and staff on the purpose of the vaccination and encourage everyone in our GMC community to consider being vaccinated. However, this is a private and personal choice; therefore, **there is no requirement to be vaccinated before returning to our campuses**. Out of courtesy and respect for one another we ask that everyone please respect the decision each make with regard to vaccination.

AS A GMC FAMILY, TOGETHER WE CAN PROVIDE FOR A SAFE AND HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT ON OUR GMC CAMPUSES.

CHARACTER ABOVE ALL!