

Recommended Syllabus Language Related to COVID-19¹

You can include the language below in your syllabus to reinforce COVID-19 guidelines with students and give them information on what to do if they need to miss class due to self-isolation or quarantine.

COVID-19 Guidelines

Due to the increasing spread of the COVID-19 delta variant, masks are now required in all indoor public spaces, except in private offices and residence hall rooms and while individuals are actively eating, drinking, or engaging in fitness activities. Mask requirements were expanded on August 23, 2021, and will be in effect for two weeks. System and campus leadership will re-evaluate guidance by September 7, 2021.

The university strongly recommends that all members of the campus community be vaccinated for their own protection, to prevent disruption to the semester, and to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Vaccination information and appointment signups are available at tiny.utk.edu/vaccine. The Student Health Center medical staff is available to students to answer questions or discuss concerns about vaccines, and the center provides vaccines free of charge for anyone 18 years or older who would like one.

If you think you are sick or have been exposed to COVID-19, you should contact the Student Health Center or your preferred health care provider. You can also contact the university's COVID-19 support team for guidance by filling out the COVID-19 self-isolation form at covidform.utk.edu.

You must not attend class if you have tested positive for COVID-19 and are in the isolation period, if you have COVID-19 symptoms and have not been cleared by a medical provider, or if you are an unvaccinated close contact in the quarantine period.

If you need to miss class for illness, [INSERT INFO FOR CONTACTING THE INSTRUCTOR].

You can find more information and updates at utk.edu/coronavirus.

¹ As this syllabus language is time sensitive, it may be useful to include on your class Canvas site as opposed to the course syllabus as may be more efficient to edit as mask mandates and other COVID-19 policies and guidelines continue to evolve/.