# Institute of Technology
## Salem Campus Student and Visitor COVID-19 Plan

**Updated March 7, 2022**

### *Change Effective March 12, 2022*

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) recently [announced](#) that changes in how we respond to the COVID-19 pandemic are on the horizon.

**Face Coverings**
The OHA announced it will lift indoor mask requirements on March 11, 2022, citing significant declines in hospitalizations with the virus, and new infections declining in recent weeks by more than 80%.

*As Institute of Technology has done throughout the pandemic, we plan to remain aligned with OHA and guidance provided by local health authorities. As such, the latest date the Salem campus will require masks to be worn in most all campus settings will be March 11, 2022.*

Face coverings are still **REQUIRED** in healthcare settings according to Oregon Administrative Rule [333-019-1025](#).
==**Therefore, IOT will continue to require the use of face coverings in all lab classrooms during any lab or clinical course.**==

We understand that for some this will be a challenging change. Our goal is continue making decisions guided by those who govern us, while ensuring vulnerable members of our community have the tools they need to feel protected.

For more information on the most recent OHA announcement (updated March 1, 2022), you can access their FAQ document [here](#).

**IOT will continue to promote health and safety by:**
1. Continuing to be guided by federal, state and local health authority guidelines and recommendations, including guidance for specific sectors or programs;
2. Supporting the continued use of masks by all that wish to do so;
3. Continuing to update the IOT community on public health conditions related to the pandemic and associated measures of response.

**What you can do to support your personal health and safety:**
1. OHA highly recommends that people who are at higher-risk, including if you are vaccinated, immunocompromised, have underlying health conditions, are 65 or older, or live with someone in one of these categories, continue to wear a well-fitting mask to help protect yourself and others, particular while in indoor public settings and higher-density outdoor locations;
2. Respect others' personal choice to wear a mask;
3. Stay home if you are not feeling well or are experiencing any [COVID-19 symptoms](#). Get tested for COVID-19 if you exhibit viral symptoms;
4. Stay informed on the status of the pandemic and public and personal health measures.

The discontinuance of the statewide indoor mask mandate marks a long-awaited positive turn in the fight against COVID-19, but this transition will require the best of our IOT community as we enter a new stage of pandemic response.

As always, IOT will be ready to adjust its measures and operations when doing so could yield improved outcomes. Thank you for your vigilance and commitment to our shared public health.

Sincerely,
Kaylee Vickers
Campus President

# Timeline

*May 26, 2020*

- Institute of Technology will reopen for business; lobby will be open. Admissions and Financial Aid will resume in-person appointments.
- IOT Staff and Faculty will be invited to resume working from campus to finish out the current module and/or term. This time will also be used to prepare for the return of students. Current 4th term PN students (scheduled to complete their program on May 28, 2020) will continue skills work and/or ATI work on campus in small controlled groups (as outlined by HECC).

*June 1, 2020*

- Professional Medical Assistant (PMA) and Medical Office Administration Billing and Coding (MOABC) students will begin and/or resume their program online.
- Select staff and faculty will be invited to return to the campus (if applicable, individuals will be notified by the Campus President, Human Resources and/or their Supervisor).

*June 8, 2020*

- Practical Nursing (PN) students will begin and/or resume their program online.

*June 15, 2020*

- It was anticipated that students would return to campus however an announcing was made mid-day indicating that a new/updated Executive Order would be released. All on-campus instruction (outside of 4th term) was cancelled pending additional information regarding the order.

*June 22, 2020*

- Per Executive Order 20-28 (an update to Executive Order 20-17), students will return to campus and resume classes with a modified schedule; schedules are outlined in this plan and will be communicated via email. Modified schedules previously shared with students will be executed – as they will allow for at least one on-campus day, with the remaining of the coursework remaining online to accommodate skills lab availability, social distancing and the transition back to campus.

*September 14, 2020*

- Institute of Technology is not defined as a business but as a private college. As such, the College has decided to implement additional requirements as recommended by the Oregon Health Authority and the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC). These requirements will apply to all staff, faculty, students, and visitors to the campus.

*October 19, 2020*

- Per revised Oregon Health Authority guidance, individuals are required to wear face coverings in all private and public workspaces, including classrooms, offices, meeting rooms and workspaces, unless someone is alone in the

space. It also requires people to wear face coverings in outdoor and indoor markets, street fairs, private career schools and public and private colleges and universities. Additionally, the guidance also recommends wearing a face covering such as a mask instead of a face shield, except where a face shield is needed to communicate with someone who is deaf or hearing impaired.

*October 22, 2020*

- Communicable Disease Management Plan for the College has been updated to indicate the following: Any confirmed case of a student, staff or faculty member will be reported by the college to the Marion County Health Department.

*November 16, 2020*

- All students will be required to complete a COVID-19 questionnaire prior to class commencement.
- All employees will be required to subject to an Exposure Risk Assessment per OSHA.

*December 7, 2020 to June 29, 2021*

- All guests (including students w/ scheduled appointments) will be required to complete a COVID-19 questionnaire upon arrival.
- The campus will close (as applicable) to the public (does not include classes or appointments w/ students) in compliance with county risk levels.

*June 30, 2021*

- Physical distancing and occupancy limits are no longer required on-campus.
- Full vaccinated employees and students, and those with acquired immunity, are no longer required to wear masks in most settings, consistent with OHA guidance.
- Students working in externships, clinical settings, and campus laboratories designed as a practice setting (similar to those performed in the healthcare field) will follow mask protocol for those settings (i.e. if demonstrating a blood pressure, practicing bedside care, practicing injections, etc. masks are required).

*August 13, 2021*

- Face coverings will now be required in all public indoor settings at Institute of Technology.
- For purposes of this face covering requirement, "public indoor settings" at IOT include indoor environments in which are owned and/or controlled by IOT (a private college), or are open to the public in which guests may frequent.
- Public indoor settings include classrooms, front desks, and offices with frequent engagement with IOT community members or the public.
- Public indoor settings do not include IOT workspaces (e.g., offices or cubicles) and spaces that do not have high frequency or recurring visitations by the public.
- IOT will continue to require face coverings at all times for all unvaccinated faculty, staff, and students.

*August 16, 2021*

- Updated COVID-19 Plan to align with OAR 333-019-1025.
- Face coverings will now be required in all indoor settings as Institute of Technology as outlined on the first page of this document for staff, faculty, students and visitors.

*January 7, 2022*

- Updated COVID-19 Plan to align with the CDC and Oregon Health Authority.

*March 7, 2022*

- Updated COVID-19 Plan to align with Oregon Health Authority and announcement on Mask Requirements (updated March 1, 2022).

## Campus Signage

There are a number of signs providing useful information about campus requirements for self-assessing symptoms, required lab practices, and the location of cleaning/disinfecting products and hand sanitizer.

## Self-Screening

Using the signs posted on the front door, everyone must continue to self-screen prior to campus entry.

## Personal Protection Equipment (PPE)

Anyone can request a mask from the front desk. Upon request, a one-time use disposable mask will be provided by the College.

- ***Facial Coverings*** – Per revised [Oregon Health Authority](#) guidance, the indoor mask requirement will be lifted at 11:59 p.m. on March 11, 2022. However, masks will continue to be required in healthcare settings following OAR [333-019-1011](#).

  OHA highly recommends that people who are at higher-risk, including if you are vaccinated, immunocompromised, have underlying health conditions, are 65 or older, or live with someone in one of these categories, continue to wear a well-fitting mask to help protect yourself and others, particular while in indoor public settings and higher-density outdoor locations.

  As a healthcare training facility, IOT will continue to require masks as follows:

  - **Students**
    - Masks or face coverings, with or without a face shield, are required at all times while in a lab classroom and/or participating in a lab class.

- ***Gloves*** – Gloves are required when participating in a lab/clinical setting. In such a setting, gloves will be supplied by the College.

## Safe Campus Practices

Please note that while on campus other safe campus practices will be enforced.

- *Cleaning/Disinfecting -* Sanitizing wipes and cleaning supplies will be available in each classroom, allowing for work station wipe down after each use. Following the conclusion of each class, IOT staff and faculty will clean each classroom. The building is also routinely cleaned and sanitized each evening.
- *Handwashing/Hand Sanitizer* – Restroom soap dispensers have been restocked with antibacterial soap. Please use them often. Additional hand sanitizing stations have been added around the campus.

## Modified Schedules for Non-Hybrid Programs

Institute of Technology will continue to operate using modified course schedules, by program, until further notice. If you have specific questions about your schedule please speak with your respective Program Director.

## Symptoms of Illness

Center for Disease Control (CDC) writes: People with COVID-19 have a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. The following symptoms may be related to COVID-19:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fever
- Chills
- Muscle pain
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste or smell

This list is not comprehensive. Other less common symptoms have been reported, including gastrointestinal symptoms like nausea, vomiting or diarrhea.

Regardless of vaccination status, if you experience these symptoms or feel sick do NOT come to the school.

## COVID-19 Symptom, Quarantine, and Isolation Guidelines

Requirements and recommendations for students are based on isolation and quarantine guidance provided by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and Local Public Health Authority (LPHA). In specific circumstances, quarantine requirements for vaccinated and unvaccinated students may be changed at the direction of these agencies. IOT students must adhere to these guidelines unless otherwise directed.

**Exposure and Symptom Definitions**

- **Exposure** – Being in close contact (within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes in a 24-hour period) with a person who has recently tested positive for COVID-19.
- **Symptoms** – COVID-19 symptoms can include shortness of breath, cough, fever, loss of taste or smell, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, sore throat, runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea.

**Student Notification Requirements**

Students must notify IOT if they have been diagnosed with COVID-19, if they have had a positive COVID-19 test result, or have [symptoms](#) of COVID-19 and have been physically on-site at an IOT location or interacted in person with an individual outside their household as part of their IOT activities during the 10 days prior to having the COVID-19 diagnosis or positive test.

**Student Responsibilities**

Notify IOT by contacting your Program Director or the Registrar if you have been on-site at any IOT location or interacted in person with individuals outside of your household as part of your IOT activities in the previous 10 days and meet any one of the following conditions:

- Test positive for COVID-19 (must be administered and read by a healthcare professional).
- Experience COVID-19 symptoms.
- Believe you have been exposed to COVID-19 and are not considered up-to-date with your vaccinations (see the definition of "up-to-date" within this plan).

During the isolation period, students are prohibited from being on-site at any IOT location or interacting in person with individuals outside their household as part of their IOT activities (excluding approved Clinical experiences).

**Definition for "Up-to-Date" Vaccination Status**

| Vaccination Status | Definition |
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| Up to date | Boosted<br>**or**<br>Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna within the last **six months** or J&J within the last **two months** |
| Not up to date | Unvaccinated<br>**or**<br>Not completed the primary series of any COVID-19 vaccine<br>**or**<br>Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna **over six months** ago or J&J **over two months** ago and not boosted |

**Student Quarantine and Isolation Procedures**

***COVID-19 VACCINATION <mark>UP-TO-DATE</mark>***

Had a booster dose, or completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna within the last six months or J&J within the last two months.

**If experiencing COVID-19 symptoms,** you are required to:

- Isolate until symptoms are resolved.
- Get tested (by a healthcare professional).
- Notify IOT.
- Avoid close contact with others.

- Follow all healthcare and/or public health guidance.

**If tested positive** for COVID-19 and are **symptomatic,** you are required to:

- Notify IOT.
- Isolate for at least **five days** after onset of symptoms and until all symptoms are resolved (i.e., no fever for 24 hours without fever-reducing medications).
- Wear a well-fitting mask around others for at least **10 days** from the onset of symptoms.

**If tested positive** for COVID-19 and are **asymptomatic,** you are required to:

- Notify IOT.
- Isolate for **five days** from the date of the test.
- Wear a well-fitting mask around others for **10 days** from the positive test.

**If exposed** (close contact) to a confirmed or presumptive COVID-19 case, you are required to:

- Wear well-fitting masks around others for **10 days** from the date of exposure.
- Monitor for symptoms.
- Test on day five, if possible.
- **Not** required to quarantine.
- If you develop symptoms at any time, isolate immediately and get tested.

**If exposed** (close contact) to a confirmed or presumptive COVID-19 case and had COVID-19 in the past 90-days:

- Not required to quarantine or be tested unless symptoms develop.
- If symptoms develop, you should self-isolate and contact your medical provider.

### *COVID-19 VACCINATION ==NOT== UP-TO-DATE*
Unvaccinated, or has **NOT** completed the primary series of any COVID-19 vaccine, or completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna **over six months** ago or J&J **over two months** ago and is **NOT** boosted.

**If experiencing COVID-19 symptoms,** you are required to:

- Isolate until symptoms are resolved.
- Get tested (by a healthcare professional).
- Notify IOT.
- Avoid close contact with others.
- Follow all healthcare and/or public health guidance.

**If tested positive** for COVID-19 and are **symptomatic,** you are required to:

- Notify IOT.
- Isolate for at least **five days** after onset of symptoms and until all symptoms are resolved (i.e., no fever for 24 hours without fever-reducing medications).

- Wear a well-fitting mask around others for at least **10 days** from the onset of symptoms.

**If tested positive** for COVID-19 and are **asymptomatic,** you are required to:

- Notify IOT.
- Isolate for **five days** from the date of the test.
- Wear a well-fitting mask around others for **10 days** from the positive test.

**If exposed** (close contact) to a confirmed or presumptive COVID-19 case, you are required to:

- Required to quarantine for **five days.**
- Monitor for symptoms.
- Wear a well-fitting mask around others for **10 days** from the date of exposure.
- Test on day five, if possible.
- If you develop symptoms at any time, isolate immediately and get tested.

**If exposed** (close contact) to a confirmed or presumptive COVID-19 case and had COVID-19 in the past 90-days:

- Not required to quarantine or be tested unless symptoms develop.
- If symptoms develop, you should self-isolate and contact your medical provider.

*NOTE:* In specific circumstances, quarantine and isolation requirements for boosted, vaccinated and unvaccinated students may be changed at the direction of the Local Public Health Authority (LPHA). IOT students are to adhere to these quarantine and isolation guidelines unless otherwise directed by the LPHA.

## IOT Student and Visitor Quarantine/Isolation Flowchart

<mark>If you **TEST POSITIVE** for or have symptoms of COVID-19 (Isolate)</mark>

**Everyone, regardless of vaccination status:**

- Isolate for **5 days.**
- If you have no symptoms or symptoms are resolving after **5 days**, you can end isolation.
- Continue to wear a well-fitting mask around others for **5 additional days** (10 days total). *If you have a fever, continue to isolate until your fever resolves.*

<mark>If you were **EXPOSED** to someone with COVID-19 (Quarantine)</mark>

| **If you are UP TO DATE:** Have been **boosted** OR Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine **within the last 6 months** OR Completed the primary series of J&J vaccine **within the last 2 months** | <ul><li>Do not need to quarantine.</li><li>Wear a well-fitting mask around others for **10 days.**</li><li>Test on day 5, if possible.</li></ul> *If you develop symptoms, get a test and isolate.* |
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| If you are NOT UP TO DATE: <br> Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine **over 6 months ago** and are not boosted <br> **OR** <br> Completed the primary series of J&J **over 2 months ago** and are **not boosted** <br> **OR** <br> Are unvaccinated | <ul><li>Quarantine for **5 days.**</li><li>Wear a well-fitting mask around others for **5 additional days** (10 days total).</li><li>Test on day 5 if possible.</li></ul> *If you develop symptoms, get a test and isolate.* |
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## Notification Procedures

In partnership with the local public health authorities, Institute of Technology will notify any student, faculty, staff member, and/or visitor deemed to be impacted by new case(s) of COVID-19. Cases in students, faculty, staff, and/or visitors will also be reported to the local public health authority, which for IOT is the Marion County Health Department. Upon notification the College will provide individuals the appropriate resources to make an informed decision regarding next steps.

Any communications with the Marion County Health Department will be navigated by the Campus President and/or HR Coordinator/Executive Assistant.

## Questions?

We understand that through this transition there are likely to be questions. We encourage you to reach out to your Program Director, Director of Students Services and/or Campus President should you have any questions regarding your options as a student, available resources to assist during this time, etc. We can all be reached by phone at (503) 363.9001 or by email as outlined below:

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We are here to help and together we will get through this!