**COVID-19 Syllabus Statement-Fall 2020**

Georgia College is committed to maintaining a safe and healthy learning environment for all students, faculty, and staff. Encompassed in our campus values of *Reason*, *Respect*, and *Responsibility* is the expectation that every member of the university community will follow specific guidelines to ensure the health and safety of everyone on campus.

Consistent with CDC and State of Georgia guidelines and directives from the University System of Georgia, Georgia College requires masks in all Georgia College indoor facilities and in outdoor campus areas where social distancing is not possible. In our modified face-to-face learning environment, you will be socially-distanced in assigned seats and wear the required CDC-approved face coverings. Face coverings will be used in addition to social distancing.

Below are additional considerations to mitigate the spread of COVID-19:

* All classrooms have been evaluated and arranged to achieve the required social distancing guidelines. Students should not move the furniture since that will disrupt our institutional plan for health and safety.
* Everyone must follow proper social distancing and personal hygiene measures. This includes: maintaining at least 6 feet of spatial distancing from others, washing your hands frequently for at least 20 seconds, utilizing hand sanitizer, covering your cough and sneeze with a tissue or the inside of your elbow, and avoiding close contact and congested areas without face masks. Anyone not using a face covering when required will be asked to wear one or must leave the area.
* Avoid congregating in commonly trafficked areas such as hallways, bathrooms, and common spaces to reduce people density at any given time.
* Exit the classrooms in an orderly and physically-distanced manner as soon as class ends so that entering faculty members and students have adequate time to prepare their work space (sanitizing if they desire) for the next class. Exiting the classroom and/or building in a manner that promotes physical distancing is important to avoid crowding.
* If you are feeling sick, please do not attend classes. Consult Student Health Services or visit your doctor. Please notify your professor prior to missing class. Faculty members will work with you to receive the necessary course content and assessments.

**GC Keeps Learning**: To help students adapt to the changing learning environment, Georgia College has developed a website of resources, tips, virtual tools, and access to help.  Included in this site are tutorials for GeorgiaVIEW, area access to Wi-Fi, academic support tools, and tips for online learning (<https://www.gcsu.edu/gckeepslearning>).

**GC’s Campus Reopening Website**: The Campus Reopening website (<https://www.gcsu.edu/return/reopening-faqs>) will provide the latest information about our response to COVID-19. Check here for messages from President Dorman, as well as changes to the academic calendar, information about orientation, dining and residential life, important phone numbers, and the latest message sent to students, faculty, and staff. (<https://www.gcsu.edu/return>).