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Dear OUAZ Students, Faculty and Staff:

OUAZ is excited to welcome students back to campus for the Spring 2021 term, and we continue to be diligent in creating a safe environment in which students can live and learn. Like in the Fall semester, life on our campus looks different. We screen daily, wear face masks and social distance when possible. And, all OUAZ students, faculty and staff have signed a COVID-19 safety pledge affirming their commitment to protect themselves, others and the campus community.

As the situation evolves, we will all need to continue making adjustments. It is imperative that every member of the Ottawa community follows our COVID-19 safety protocols. These protocols reflect current public health guidance and are subject to change throughout the semester. OUAZ is committed to ensuring the health and success of our students. We will do so by being adaptive and innovative, and we will continue to be proactive in communicating any changes that may affect campus life.

What is described below is effective as of the date of this writing, but you should understand that we are operating in a dynamic situation, and as findings related to COVID-19 continue to develop, the information in this document will be evaluated and updated appropriately. Also, pertinent information will be posted to the university's COVID-19 dashboard at [www.ottawa.edu/coronavirus/](http://www.ottawa.edu/coronavirus/) and/or via email when appropriate.

### **Terminology:**

“Quarantine” and “isolation” both refer to separating a person from the general population, but they have distinct meanings. The term *quarantine* is used when the person was in close contact with someone who has COVID-19, was in close contact with someone exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, or when the person has traveled to a location known to have significant cases of COVID-19. The term *isolation* is used when the person has contracted COVID-19, whether symptomatic or asymptomatic.

### **Mask Requirements on Campus:**

For the safety of all staff, students and families, face masks will be required and must be properly worn (full coverage of nose and mouth) everywhere on campus at all times. Some exceptions will be made for students participating in athletic practice and games. The OUAZ fan shop will have masks for sale as well. Entrance to each building will only be allowed to those who have passed a screening (including a temperature check).

### **Health Screenings Daily:**

Screeners will ask three health questions, where the answers must be “No” in order to pass the screening protocols. A temperature check will then be administered and must return < 100.4F. Once the screening has been passed, a stamp for the day will be placed on the person's wrist. Screening Locations are as follows:

- Founders Hall Lobby - Weekdays 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- OUAZ Union - Weekdays 6:45 a.m. – 9 p.m. / Weekends: 10 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and 4 – 7:00 p.m.
- O'Dell Center, East Entrance - Weekdays: 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Campus Security – All screening locations and times are posted outside. Call 623-546-1666 to contact security.

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### **General Campus Regulations and Modifications:**

We have expanded our sanitation and custodial services to include:

- Regular deep cleaning of the facility
- Increased surface cleaning and more frequent cleaning of “high touch” areas
- An increase in the number of public hand sanitizers
- Personal hand sanitizer for each employee
- Tables and desktops will be regularly wiped down and disinfected

Other campus changes include:

- Where possible, we will adhere to social distancing,
- Large group gatherings will be limited according to Arizona’s COVID-19 guidelines,
- Both students and employees are required to report COVID-19 symptoms
- Access to the building will be limited to only those people who pass a screening.
- All water fountains will be covered and inaccessible.

### **Positive COVID-19 Test Protocols:**

A student who tests positive for COVID-19 must isolate until at least 14 days have passed since the first symptoms appeared (three days of no fever and improvement of respiratory symptoms are required for return).

A student who is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 **SHOULD NOT** come to campus and should report it to the COVID-19 response team by calling 785-550-6298 (Keith Johnson) or 478-960-6093 (Kevin Andres), to receive further instruction on next steps (re: isolating or quarantining for 14 days).

A student who has been in contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 must also quarantine for 14 days from their last contact with that person. Students isolating and in quarantine will have access to their on-ground class(s) virtually (e.g. via Zoom).

Sincerely,

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