

Thursday, October 29, 2020

Dear Students, Faculty and Staff,

LSU Shreveport is working closely with the state, local health officials, and Ochsner's Infection Prevention and Control Team to monitor the impact of COVID-19 across our area and develop the appropriate guidelines for safe measures and operations on our campus. While the number of COVID-19 cases improved this fall, the pandemic is far from over and our communities are still at risk. We rely on everyone to understand the gravity of this risk, not let your guard down, and continue adhering to the protocols that keep your fellow faculty, students and families healthy. These precautions and risk mitigation strategies are based on scientifically proven methods to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

We are asking the entire LSU Shreveport community to continue to do your part by:

1. **Off Campus Behavior:** Be aware that your behavior off campus is just as important as when you're on campus. Be vigilant in following the protocols outlined below for your safety, and the safety of those around you.
2. **Following social distancing recommendations:** Stay at least 6 feet from other people who are not from your household in both indoor and outdoor spaces. Limit attendance of social gatherings as this is where most transmission is occurring.
3. **Wear a mask:** Masks/cloth face coverings greatly reduce the risk of spread. Wear them properly (covering both nose and mouth) anytime you are not alone or when social distancing is not possible.
4. **Wash your hands:** Try not to touch your face, nose, eyes or mouth. Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
5. **Wellness Checkpoints:** Be thoughtful and truthful when visiting our campus checkpoints.
6. **Sanitize you work area:** Remember to utilize centralized wipes and hand sanitizer to prepare your classroom and study areas while on campus.
7. **Isolate when sick:** If you or a family member are showing any signs or symptoms of COVID-19, consult a healthcare provider to determine if testing is needed and self-isolate at home except to get medical care or testing. If you are not showing symptoms but feel you have recently been exposed to someone known to have COVID-19, use the time-based strategy and quarantine for 14 days as a precaution. After a positive COVID-19 diagnosis, you may return to campus after at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared AND at least 24 hours have passed since your last fever without fever-reducing medications, AND symptoms have improved.

8. **Get your flu shot:** In addition to following the steps above to prevent COVID-19, getting the flu vaccine will lessen your chance of contracting influenza. A flu shot is recommended for everyone 6 months and up, and particularly for the elderly or those who are immunocompromised.
9. **Report your Case:** If you are Covid-19 exposed, symptomatic or positive, please remember the first step is to visit the LSUS website and [report your case](#), as this will allow us to better support you and the LSUS community.

Our university is here to serve you. Help us protect our community and loved ones and prevent further school year disruptions by working together to stop the spread of COVID-19. For more information on COVID-19 and how to stay safe, visit the [CDC's website](#) or [Ochsner's coronavirus resource page](#).

Thank you for your continued support and awareness during these challenging times.

Sincerely,



Larry Clark
Chancellor