

COVID-19 Academic Lab Condensed Standard Operating Procedureⁱ

- The United States Center for Disease Control (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO), and New York State guidelines and recommendations continue to evolve, we **must continue to keep everyone safe**.
- **This SOP applies to all individuals regardless of vaccination status**
- **No student, faculty, or staff member** shall be required or pressured to come to campus and/or a laboratory if they suspect illness, or present any of the symptoms listed in the [SUNY Geneseo COVID-19 protocols¹](#)
- If a student is experiencing **severe symptoms** the faculty instructor should **call 911** and notify the dispatcher that the distressed student may have COVID-19 symptoms. **Fever, cough, shortness of breath, any respiratory symptoms, new loss of taste or smell.**
- If you find that you are feeling unwell (physically or mentally) and it is impacting your ability to complete your coursework or student employment, **please reach out**. We understand the learning environment will be different than it has been in the past.
- Stop, think, and assess – perform daily assessments of personal wellness and report your assessment through the SUNY Geneseo wellness app.
- **Do not come** to class if you are experiencing any symptoms of infection.
- If a health care **provider suspects or confirms you have COVID-19**, you must follow SUNY Geneseo policy outlined in the Geneseo Return to Campus Plan.
- If you have had **close contact** with anyone who is **COVID-19 positive** develop a plan that minimizes proximity to other people in the lab.
- Be present in the lab only as long as is necessary for your experiment as defined by your faculty instructor.
- **Masks must be worn** for the duration of the lab and the **entire time** you are indoors in the ISC. If you do not have a mask or are unwilling to wear one, **you will be asked to leave the laboratory**.
- Please familiarize yourself with any special seating or station arrangements indicated by your faculty instructor in the laboratory.
- Practice situational awareness and **immediately** report potential exposures to your instructor.
- At a minimum, students should **wash their hands upon arrival** to the lab and any time one touches one's face or mask.
- Disinfect shared materials prior to use as described in the “Enhanced Cleaning for COVID Transmission Prevention”. This means you **must** clean high touch areas.
- **Disinfecting kills** germs on surfaces or objects. **Sanitizing lowers** the number of germs on surfaces or objects to a safe level, as judged by public health standards.
- Disposable gloves must be worn when using shared equipment to prevent cross-contamination.
- **Speak up and speak out** to your faculty instructor and/or the department chair if you observe someone not following precautions or following safety guidelines.

ⁱ Full **Chemistry Academic Laboratory Guidelines for Prevention of COVID-19 Transmission** document available at: <https://www.geneseo.edu/sites/default/files/sites/chemstockroom/COVID%20info/Chemistry%20Academic%20Laboratory%20Guidelines%20of%20Prevention%20of%20COVID-19%20Transmission%20v2.20210825.pdf>

¹ <https://www.geneseo.edu/fall-2021>