

Unanswered Questions From Staff Town Halls

Question	Answer
Is Partnership Middle School under the same regulations as Campus specifically, or following Oktibbeha County policies? IE if MSU closes, do they as well?	The Partnership School is operated by the Starkville Oktibbeha County School District, and will fall under their authority and guidelines.
Is there any plans to help employees with after school care as Patnership is dismissed @ 2:30pm	We continue to be in discussions with our local schools around their plans for the fall semester. We have additional leave available for employees with child care needs via the EFMLA as a possible way to address these needs.
If an employee or student worker gets tested for COVID because they were around a friend or relative that tested positive what is expected of them if their test comes back negative? Are they ok to return to work? Are they fine to return to class?	Please contact the Longest Student Health Center with the specifics of the situation at hand. In general, if you have a known exposure to someone who is positive you are instructed to self-isolate for 14 days.
i received 2 reusable cloth msu branded masks. where can i buy more? My family is jealous.	We are not selling the face coverings that have been distributed to employees and students. The MSU Bookstore does have MSU branded face coverings for sale. It is open from 10 am to 4 pm M-F at this point in time. They will return to 'normal' hours when the fall term resumes.
When will building managers/coordinators know the plans for directional flow of hallways, lobbies, etc? I get asked about this almost daily.	Signage installation is underway, and we expect to have this completed by August 17.
When/should a vaccine become availble, would this be a required vaccine shuch as MMR and school vaccines or will this be voluntary?	Vaccination requirements are directed by the Institutions of Higher Learning. Whether required or not, we'll do all we can to encourage students and employees to be vaccinated. We will be heavily promoting the flu vaccine as well this fall in an effort as the symptoms of COVID can be very similar to the flu and vice versa.

Follow-up to Questions Asked During Town Hall

<p>If someone is sent home for a second time, is not ill, cannot telework, do they have to take their own personal leave?</p>	<p>If they were sent home at the direction of the Longest Student Health Center for a close contact they obtained at work, the person would be able to use administrative leave. This information will be updated in our general guidance.</p>
<p>Can leave be donated for COVID related issues?</p>	<p>Donated leave is only available for catastrophic illness. If a person becomes catastrophically ill because of COVID, they could request donated leave. The donated leave form and procedure is available on the HRM website.</p>
<p>Why do some people get told to quarantine/isolate for 10 days and some for 14 days?</p>	<p>The medical staff at the Longest Student Health Center use the guidance provided by the Mississippi Department of Health which currently directs people who have exposure and/or positive tests to isolate for 14 days. The CDC guidance has changed to 10 days so some local medical personnel have moved to 10 days. Until the MS Department of Health changes its guidance, we will continue to use 14 days as our campus standard.</p>