



FOCUS OF THE PLANNING GROUP

The goals for Student Health Services (SHS) are two-fold:

1. To continue to provide ongoing medical care for our students
2. Respond to suspected and/or COVID cases among the student population. The plan is informed by and in alignment with recommendations by the Center for Disease Control, World Health Organization, national, state and local public health organizations.

ADAPTATIONS FOR STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

Ongoing Medical Care:

1. Dr. David Hernandez is providing education for the Health Center staff on procedures and protocols for COVID
2. Most student appointments will be conducted by Telemedicine. In cases where in-person consultation is necessary, SHS will design a COVID-19 compliant and best practice plan that includes appointment only after phone or telemedicine triage, provision of PPE, patient flow, and triage.
3. Rooms and all medical equipment will be completely cleaned with appropriate cleaning solutions after every use by a patient.
4. Transportation to a referral/transfer site should be by the patient's personal vehicle, a car reserved and provided by the Health Center or by an emergency vehicle such as an ambulance (not via public transportation).

Responding to Suspected and/or COVID Cases:

1. Define thresholds and protocols for students moving into and out of quarantine, isolation and campus. There are four categories we are working with:
 - i. Contact with suspected COVID
 - ii. Contact with confirmed COVID
 - iii. Student suspected COVID
 - iv. Student confirmed COVID
2. We are finalizing testing protocols for students as well as adequate locations and care for students in isolation or quarantine as well as for their roommates. Several Westmont employees are being trained in contact tracing. These procedures will take a great deal of education and compliance on the part of the students. It's likely we will need to hire additional help for Student Health Services as cases emerge. Daily check in and follow up with students in quarantine or isolation is also planned. If a student's health rapidly declines or if we have an emergency related to COVID, we have 24/7 access to Dr. Hernandez through the On Call RD (805-565-OCRD or 805-565-6273) and we will utilize the services of Cottage Hospital.

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