Midwest Institute Covid 19 Campus Policies

As Midwest Institute begins phasing the return to campus, the health and safety of students, staff, faculty is our top priority. Midwest Institute has implemented several new policies to help diminish exposure to the COVID-19 virus, including monitoring symptoms, social distancing, wearing of personal protective equipment (PPE), and increased cleaning and sanitizing of buildings and equipment. Your cooperation is mandatory to stay safe. In order to provide a safe learning environment, all students, staff, and faculty must understand and agree to comply with the following health and safety requirements when on campus.

The most important thing to remember is:

DO NOT COME TO CAMPUS IF YOU ARE SICK OR IF YOU HAVE ANY SIGNS OR SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS INCLUDING FEVER, COUGH, OR SHORTNESS OF BREATH. REPORT ANY CONFIRMED CASE OF COVID-19 TO THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION.

If you are not sick, and do not have any symptoms of illness, by returning to the campus you agree to abide by the following policies and procedures:

• Symptom Monitoring: All Midwest students, staff, and faculty returning to campus will have their temperature checked and answer symptom screening questions each day he or she enters the building. Anyone who has a temperature within the normal range and does not have a history of symptoms will be allowed entrance into campus. Honesty is expected of everyone, if you feel like you may have symptoms of illness it is expected you will stay home to keep everyone safe.

• Personal Protective Equipment: All Midwest students, staff, and faculty are required to wear protective face coverings while on campus. Anyone using a personal, reusable mask should follow CDC guidelines for maintaining and sanitizing a reusable mask.

• Handwashing/Personal Hygiene: In addition to wearing personal protective equipment, Midwest expects all students, staff, and faculty to follow CDC guidelines of frequent hand washing using soap and water for at least 20 seconds or the use of hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol when hand washing is not feasible. Also, avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

• Social Distancing: Students will be assigned to groups of five or less with one instructor. Midwest Institute has placed social distancing markers on the campus floors in areas that multiple people will be gathered including offices, classrooms, and laboratories. These markers indicate a safe 6-foot social distance. Multi-stall restrooms have been designated as single-use restrooms to ensure safe social distance. Some hallways have become “one-way” and doors have been designated as “entry” and “exit”. All Midwest students, staff, and faculty are expected to comply with any social distancing and directional flow markers on campus.
- Avoid Gathering: Please arrive to the campus as scheduled. All common areas, including student and staff break rooms are closed until further notice. Students, staff, and faculty should not congregate in any campus facility, including parking areas.

- Sanitizing/Disinfecting: All classrooms and laboratories will be cleaned between uses. All campus facilities will be cleaned at the end of each day. Students should disinfect any materials and equipment both prior to and after by using Midwest Institute provided cleaning materials.

- No food or drink can be brought into the building. No exceptions

- Only approved staff, faculty and students are allowed on campus after being screened. At this time only students who are scheduled for labs and supervised will be allowed on campus. No other person is allowed to enter the building. No exceptions.

- When in labs, students and faculty will strictly follow all covid 19 safety guidelines while performing competencies. Each program will have their own protocol for clinicals and practicals. It is mandatory to carefully follow all safety guidelines to ensure safe delivery of lab procedures.

Any student who is experiencing symptoms of illness, or who is unwilling or unable to comply with any of the above provisions should contact your campus Director of Education or Campus Director. Any staff or faculty member experiencing symptoms of illness or who is unwilling or unable to comply with any of the above provisions should contact your Campus Director.

THESE POLICIES WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED. ANY VIOLATION WILL BE CAUSE FOR REMOVAL FROM CAMPUS, NO EXCEPTION. ALL STUDENTS MUST BE RESPECTFUL AND COMPLIANT AT ALL TIMES.