

# Rust College COVID-19 Task-Force Update



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The Rust College COVID-19 Task Force is committed to the highest standard of safety and protection for our institution's students, staff, and faculty. The task force relies on collaborative efforts from multiple departments across campus to ensure we recognize the latest standards of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the Mississippi State Health Office, and the policies developed by our task force.

Since Rust College opened its door for hybrid learning for Fall 2020, no student has tested positive for COVID-19. We attribute this to the entire Rust College family's diligence of wearing their mask, observing social distancing standards, and adhering to the Rust Colleges policies.

Rust College has ordered over 7,000 COVID-19 Rapid Result Tests. When students, staff, and faculty return for the third module, Rust College plans to conduct mass testing to ensure we continue to remain safe during this difficult time.

Until then, we want to remind employees, students, and visitors that they can reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 by taking the same steps to prevent infection from the flu and the common cold.

- \* Maintain physical distance of at least 6 feet from others;
- \* Wear face coverings as appropriate;
- \* Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If water is not available, use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol;
- \* Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands;
- \* Avoid contact with people who are sick;
- \* Stay home while sick and avoid close contact with others;
- \* Cover your mouth and nose with your elbow or a tissue when coughing or sneezing, and immediately dispose of the used tissue;
- \* Utilize secondary handwashing or sanitizing stations that are set up with either hand sanitizer or wipes/towelettes; and
- \* Avoid handshaking to reduce the spread of germs.

## **The Rust College COVID-19 Task Force:**

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