



2022-2023 COVID-19 Guidelines and Protocols

The safety and health of students and staff members at Green Country Technology Center (GCTC) is our top priority. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused us all to face unprecedented challenges, and as we return to school for the 2022-2023 school year, we want to communicate precautions we will continue to take to prioritize the health and wellness of each person who steps on the GCTC campus. Throughout this document, the term class/classes will be used and will include all full-time, short-term, and industry training classes. If and when classes take place off-site or in other training locations, the GCTC staff will continue to follow these protocols.

Student Expectations

Students who have been exposed who are not exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 or have not tested positive for COVID-19 are expected to attend GCTC in person and will be counted absent for non-attendance. Students who are isolated due to a positive COVID-19 test or COVID-19 symptoms will be expected to complete work virtually or will be counted absent.

Staff Expectations

Staff who have been exposed who are not exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 or have not tested positive for COVID-19 are expected to attend GCTC in person. Staff who are isolated due to a positive COVID-19 test or COVID-19 symptoms will be expected to take leave.

Communication Plan

If there is an urgent situation concerning COVID-19, students, parents, and staff will be notified via an automated call, and information will also be shared on GCTC Social Media channels and the GCTC website.

Prevention Measures and General Practices related to COVID-19

To prevent the spread of communicable diseases, especially during a pandemic or public health-crisis, GCTC will implement the following protocols.

- Students and staff are encouraged to self-screen prior to arriving at GCTC. The CDC Guidelines are listed below and include a temperature check of less than 100.4 degrees.
 - **CDC Notice of Self-Screening**
 - Have you experienced any of the following symptoms in the past 48 hours?
 - ❖ fever or chills
 - ❖ cough
 - ❖ shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - ❖ fatigue
 - ❖ muscle or body aches
 - ❖ headache
 - ❖ new loss of taste or smell

- ❖ sore throat
- ❖ congestion or runny nose
- ❖ nausea or vomiting
- ❖ diarrhea
- GCTC may screen any individual, visitor, or guest, who enters any GCTC school facility if there are health concerns or if precautions need to be taken. The screening process may include the above procedures as well as isolating those that have symptoms of a communicable disease.

Health and Hygiene Precautions for Students and School Employees:

Staff will emphasize the importance of handwashing and good hygiene with students regularly. These practices include handwashing with soap and water for 20 seconds after restroom breaks. The use of hand sanitizers and/or handwashing is encouraged after the use of high-touch areas.

- CDC school guidelines recommend 3 feet of distance between individuals to social distance and stop the spread of COVID-19.
- CDC guidelines recommend that all individuals in a school setting wear a mask while indoors.
- Though the CDC recommends masks for all individuals, Oklahoma Senate Bill 658 prohibits a mask mandate for students within a Career Tech district without the consultation of the local county health department, and if the Governor declares a state of emergency for the county where the school district resides. Students and patrons will not be discriminated against whether they are vaccinated for COVID-19 or not.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in multiple locations and in classrooms throughout the building.
- Common areas may be limited for use. If used, the area will be sanitized daily at regular intervals.
- Classroom instructors will utilize space available to promote as much distance between students during instruction and all activities as possible.
- Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities will be provided.
- High-touch areas in classrooms will be sanitized daily at regular intervals.
- Restrooms will be sanitized daily at regular intervals.

Transportation

Buses will be sanitized daily at regular intervals.

Diagnostic and Screening Testing

Criteria and Protocol for Students/Staff and COVID-19: (These are subject to change with additional guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and the Oklahoma State Dept. of Health)

- If a student/staff develops a fever of 100.4 degrees and above or develops symptoms of sickness: A secondary student will be isolated, a parent/guardian will be contacted, and the student may be picked up or released by parent/guardian/designated person. Adult students will follow the same procedure without the need to contact a parent/guardian.
 - If a student/staff member has been in close contact with an individual that has tested positive for COVID-19, they should self-monitor for symptoms and

- follow the CDC recommended guidelines if symptoms should develop.
- If a student/staff contracts COVID-19 the following CDC guidelines should be followed:
 - If you are sick and think or know you have COVID-19
 - Stay home until after:
 - ❖ At least 5 days since symptoms first appeared **and**
 - ❖ At least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication **and**
 - ❖ Symptoms have improved
 - If you tested positive for COVID-19 but do not have symptoms
 - Stay home until after:
 - ❖ 5 days have passed since your positive test
 - If you would like to schedule a vaccination, please go to the following website:
<https://vaccinate.oklahoma.gov/en-US/>

Learning Framework

It is anticipated that the standard on-campus instructional framework for GCTC will be in place for the 2022-2023 school year in all instructional areas. In the event of future COVID-19 outbreaks, new governmental restrictions, etc., alternative frameworks may be deployed.

- The best learning environment is for students to be at school with their peers and teachers. It is our goal to have in-person school all year.

Assemblies

Large gatherings such as assemblies will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis dependent on COVID-19 factors within Okmulgee County. Factors involved with having a large gathering will include the current health situation at GCTC, in the community, how many participants will attend and if visitors will be allowed to attend.

School-Related Activities on or off Campus

Any school-related activity or event will require direct program supervisor approval.

CTSO Activities

We will continue to participate in Career Tech Student Organization activities.

- Factors involved with having CTSO gatherings will include the current health situation at GCTC, in the community, how many participants will attend and if visitors will be allowed to attend and participate.

When are you fully vaccinated?

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), people are considered fully vaccinated:

- Two weeks after their second shot of a two-dose series such as the Moderna or Pfizer vaccines; or
- Two weeks after a single-shot vaccine such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine.

Academic, Social, and Emotional Needs

The health and safety of our students and staff will always be the top priority of Green Country Technology Center. In addition to health and safety, GCTC will strive to respond to the academic, social, and emotional needs of our students. GCTC administration and staff will work collaboratively with parents and stakeholders to provide targeted academic, social, and emotional support for students as they navigate the difficult circumstances created by COVID-19. Social, emotional, and mental health resources are available to both students and staff members.

- Any circumstances related to COVID-19 will attempt to follow the latest Centers for Disease Control guidelines and the Oklahoma State Department of Health. GCTC will monitor the changing conditions of COVID-19, and the Superintendent or designee may change protocols based on the advice of local, state, and national health officials and government regulations.