

## 2021 COVID-19 NOTICES

September 29, 2021

Snead State Community College continues with “normal access” on campus following the release of earlier COVID-19 mandates and an increase in the number of individuals who have been vaccinated.

Though Snead State welcomed students back to campus for the fall semester, safety protocols, such as a face covering requirement and social distancing, were in place, and several classes remained online or hybrid for the semester.

“We continue to re-evaluate our COVID-19 safety procedures as we progress through the fall semester and begin preparations for spring,” said Snead State President Dr. Joe Whitmore.

“We have our facilities opened for normal access during regular business hours, and we’ve no longer requiring temperature checks prior to entering a building. Masks aren’t mandatory, but we respect our students’ right to wear a face covering if they wish to in order to minimize their risk of exposure to COVID-19. We encourage anyone visiting our campus to continue to practice social distancing.”

According to Dr. Whitmore, Snead State plans to have a wide selection of face-to-face, hybrid and online class options for students continuing through to or enrolling in time for the spring semester.

“We have enjoyed seeing students fill our classrooms or gathering on campus. Our athletes are practicing or competing, and we have hosted a few events on campus, including a recital through our Music Department. We are excited to be back to a more normal campus life,” said Dr. Whitmore.

June 3, 2021

Snead State Community College is back to “normal access” on campus following the release of certain COVID-19 mandates and an increase in the number of individuals who have been vaccinated.

Though Snead State welcomed students back to campus for the spring semester, safety protocols, such as a face covering requirement and social distancing, were in place, and several classes remained online or hybrid for the semester.

“We have re-evaluated our COVID-19 safety procedures as we prepare to begin the summer semester and as we look to the fall,” said Snead State President Dr. Joe Whitmore.

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A majority of Snead State’s summer classes are typically online, and this year’s summer semester will continue to follow that trend. However, as the College prepares for fall registration, Dr. Whitmore expects the course schedule to include a normal offering of face-to-face classes in addition to online and hybrid options. “We have missed having students fill our classrooms and gathering on campus.

Responding to the pandemic has proven to be the biggest challenge our employees and students have dealt with, but we're looking ahead to a more normal campus life," said Dr. Whitmore.

### January 27, 2021

Snead State Community College has received notice that three employees and three students have tested positive for COVID-19 and are currently quarantined and receiving medical treatment in accordance with public health protocols. Any employees who were in direct contact with employees or with the students have been notified and asked to self-quarantine. Two of the students have not been on campus for classes. Out of an abundance of caution and in our efforts to stem the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the offices and classrooms been disinfected and sanitized.

Health and safety remain our number one priority. Snead State Community College is following medical protocols from state and national authorities and has implemented recommended guidelines in relation to social distancing, hygiene, travel, and visits to the College. In addition, we are taking additional steps to attempt to ensure the cleanliness of all of our facilities. While we hope and pray this will be the only positive test for COVID-19 within our College community, in the event there are others of which we become aware, we will use our best efforts to notify those we are able to determine have had contact with that individual so they may take recommended health measures. The College is committed to keeping you updated on the local COVID-19 risk and will provide direction to our staff, students and families with additional instruction as appropriate.

### January 20, 2021

Snead State Community College has received notice that two employees and two students have tested positive for COVID-19 and are currently quarantined and receiving medical treatment in accordance with public health protocols. One employee and one student tested positive during the holiday break and were not on campus until after the quarantine period. Any employees who were in direct contact with the second employee have been notified, and out of an abundance of caution and in our efforts to stem the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the employee's office has been disinfected and sanitized. The second student is an online-only student for the spring semester.

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## 2020 COVID-19 NOTICES

December 3, 2020

Snead State Community College has received notice that three full-time and one part-time employees have tested positive for COVID-19 and are currently quarantined and receiving medical treatment in accordance with public health protocols. The part-time employees were not in direct contact with other employees or students. Any employees who were in direct contact with the full-time employee have been notified and asked to quarantine. Out of an abundance of caution and in our efforts to stem the spread of the COVID-19 virus, we have disinfected and sanitized the employees' offices and classrooms.

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November 19, 2020

Snead State Community College has received notice that one full-time and three part-time employees have tested positive for COVID-19 and are currently quarantined and receiving medical treatment in accordance with public health protocols. The part-time employees were not in direct contact with other employees or students. Any employees who were in direct contact with the full-time employee have been notified and asked to quarantine. Out of an abundance of caution and in our efforts to stem the spread of the COVID-19 virus, we have disinfected and sanitized the employees' offices and classrooms.

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November 12, 2020

Snead State Community College has received notice that two employees have tested positive for COVID-19 and are currently quarantined and receiving medical treatment in accordance with public health protocols. The employees were not in direct contact with other employees or students. Out of an

abundance of caution and in our efforts to stem the spread of the COVID-19 virus, we have disinfected and sanitized the employees' offices and classrooms.

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### October 15, 2020

Snead State Community College has received notice that two employees have tested positive for COVID-19 and are currently quarantined and receiving medical treatment in accordance with public health protocols. Out of an abundance of caution and in our efforts to stem the spread of the COVID-19 virus, we have notified the employees who had direct contact with the individuals and these employees will be asked to self-quarantine.

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### September 28, 2020

The Alabama Community College System and Snead State Community College are utilizing COVID-19 testing services through the UAB GuideSafe™ Platform, powered by UAB. As part of this effort, UAB will be randomly selecting community college students and employees across the state to participate in COVID-19 testing each week.

To support a safe and healthy environment at Snead, we are implementing sentinel testing across our campus. Sentinel testing is a random sampling of all asymptomatic faculty, staff, and students to understand the underlying prevalence of infection at our college so we can respond promptly to any outbreaks or increases in infection rates. You are strongly encouraged, but not required, to participate in this testing. There will be no penalty for those who choose to opt out.

Over the next few weeks, you may receive an email from Healthy@Verily.com asking you to schedule an appointment for COVID-19 sentinel testing. Some of you may have already received this email. If you did not receive it or do not receive one over the semester that is OK. Log into your Verily account to complete pre-test symptom screen and schedule your COVID-19 sentinel test. Because the selection is a random process, as a small institution, it is possible that you may be selected more than once for testing.

If you have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 12 weeks, please do not retest at this time. If you are having symptoms or have a recent exposure, follow our college health and safety plan as previously published, and do not participate in sentinel test.

Check your email for a very important message from Healthy@Verily.com to schedule your COVID-19 sentinel test.

If you are selected for testing and your dedicated instructional site is not the location of testing, you may request travel reimbursement. Our local testing site will be in the Commons Area of the Administration Building currently scheduled for Thursday mornings from 10:00 am until 12:00 noon. The days and times the testing is available may change as this process continues.

For any questions, please contact Jason Cannon at [jason.cannon@snead.edu](mailto:jason.cannon@snead.edu) or (256) 571-4150.

### September 2, 2020

Snead State Community College has received notice that at this time two students have tested positive for COVID-19 and are currently quarantined and receiving medical treatment in accordance with public health protocols. Out of an abundance of caution and in our efforts to stem the spread of the COVID-19 virus, individuals who have been in direct contact will be notified and these individuals, to the extent possible, will be asked to self-quarantine for the next 14 days.

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### August 26, 2020

Snead State Community College has received notice that at this time three students have tested positive for COVID-19 and are currently quarantined and receiving medical treatment in accordance with public health protocols. Out of an abundance of caution and in our efforts to stem the spread of the COVID-19

virus, individuals who have been in direct contact will be notified and these individuals, to the extent possible, will be asked to self-quarantine for the next 14 days.

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### July 20, 2020

Snead State Community College has received notice that an employee and a student worker have tested positive for COVID-19 and are currently quarantined and receiving medical treatment in accordance with public health protocols. Out of an abundance of caution and in our efforts to stem the spread of the COVID-19 virus, we have notified the employees who had direct contact with the individuals and these individuals will be asked to self-quarantine.

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### July 17, 2020

Snead State Community College released its plan to reopen the College for the Fall 2020 semester. The priority for Snead State is to continue to serve Marshall County and the surrounding areas by providing first-class educational opportunities and community engagement with a priority placed on the health and safety of our faculty, staff, students, and stakeholders.

The Fall 2020 reopening plan has been developed under direction from the Chancellor of the Alabama Community College System. The initial specifics of the plan are centered on the phased opening category of "YELLOW," representing modified access, but is designed to be flexible in the event changes are necessary to the level of access based on environmental and health conditions.

Click this link to access the reopening plan in its entirety. Frequently asked questions addressed in the plan are also listed below.

### July 15, 2020

Snead State Community College has received notice that one of our employees has tested positive for COVID-19 and is currently quarantined and receiving medical treatment in accordance with public health protocols. Out of an abundance of caution and in our efforts to stem the spread of the COVID-19 virus, we have notified the employees who had direct contact with the individual and these employees will be asked to self-quarantine.

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### June 22, 2020

Two Snead State Community College employees have tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. At this time, Snead State confirms the employees are currently quarantined and receiving medical treatment. In contact tracing, we have determined that no employees or students were in direct contact with the employees who have tested positive.

Health and safety remain a priority for Snead State Community College. Snead State has implemented protocols in cleaning and sanitizing all areas on campus, especially the areas where the employees with the positive test work. The College is following medical recommendations from state and national health authorities and has implemented recommended guidelines in relation to social distancing, hygiene, travel, and visits to the College.

### June 10, 2020

A student at Snead State Community College has tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. This is the first positive test to be reported on the Snead State campus since precautionary measures were taken for the protection of the students and employees in mid-March.

At this time, Snead State said the student is currently quarantined and receiving medical treatment. Those, who may have come in contact with the student who tested positive, were contacted and notified of the healthcare measures they need to take, such as being in self-quarantine for 14 days.

Health and safety remain a priority for Snead State Community College. Snead State has employed protocols in cleaning and sanitizing all areas on campus, especially the areas where the student with the positive test was reported to be. The College is following medical procedures from state and national health authorities and has implemented recommended guidelines in relation to social distancing, hygiene, travel and visits to the College. The College is requesting anyone who has visited the area in question to self-isolate for 14 days from the last date the individual visited the location.