

COVID-19 UPDATE #5

September 4, 2020

First Round of Testing

We are thankful to God that for our first round of Covid-19 tests were all negative. We need to make sure everyone continues follow our established protocols. These protocols are helping to keep us safe. We must be diligent in observing them.

We want to remind you and clarify a couple of these. In the cafeteria only four (4) people are to be seated at a table. If someone tells you otherwise, faculty or staff, tell them no, that is against policy. **Anytime you are in a building, including the dorms, you are to wear a mask at all times, even if you are socially distanced.** When you go to the bathroom in the dorm, you are to wear your mask. If you are in a group setting inside, you must wear a mask. Please refer to the guidelines you were given about your dorm rooms.

If you are outside you must wear a mask if you are not socially distanced from others. When walking with others, most are not six (6) feet apart. As a matter of safe practice, please wear your mask when walking with others. Wearing your mask involves covering both your mouth and nose. If you are sitting outside at the Greenhouse tables, you must wear a mask. If you are inside in the Art Gallery, with your friends, you must wear a mask.

Being with Family and Friends Off Campus and on Weekends

Our community was made very aware this week of the dangers of getting together with family and friends. One of our community members was with family and after their time together, was notified that one of those family members tested positive. Our fellow student is now in quarantine **due to being exposed not** because they tested positive.

You are strongly encouraged to not be with family and friends. The chance of potential exposure is very real. We realize even allowing the Juniors and Seniors to attend church carries certain risks. We are trying to minimize the risks. You must help us. This week we were made aware of two colleges that have locked down their campus' for two weeks and students are not allowed to leave. The entire community is quarantined.

Facemask and Social Distancing

We are deeply grateful for those students who are diligently abiding by Northpoint's facemask, social distancing, and all policies concerning Covid-19. These policies (such as testing) are in place to protect our Northpoint community and to help us stay safe so we can remain on campus all semester. Following these policies is a matter of each student honoring their word by saying they will abide by the Honor Code and all policies of the college. This is a matter of one's character.

However, it has become evident that some students are having to be repeatedly told to follow the written policies. The Covid-19 Taskforce proposed, and the President's Cabinet approved

the following procedures for those who do not adhere to Northpoint's written policy. **Beginning Monday, September 7** we will be instituting the following measures:

A verbal warning: **first time** to be told about not following facemask or social distancing guidelines.

A written warning: **second time** to be told about not following facemask or social distancing guidelines.

One day on-campus suspension: **third time** to be told about not following facemask or social distancing guidelines. The taskforce will select the day for the suspension. Please see the Student Handbook for details concerning on campus suspension.

Two day on campus suspension: **fourth time** to be told about not following facemask or social distancing guidelines. The taskforce will select the days for the suspension. Please see the Student Handbook for details concerning on campus suspension.

Dismissal from school: **fifth time** to be told about not following facemask or social distancing guidelines. This will be for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school term. Please see the Student Handbook for details concerning dismissal from school.