COVID-19 PCR Surveillance Testing Requirement for Fieldwork Participation

Definitions:
- **Fieldwork**: a clinical affiliation, internship, externship, practicum, apprenticeship or field placement as part of the program’s course of study; includes on-campus clinics
- **Surveillance testing**: Asymptomatic testing to monitor infection status. Negative results along with negative signs and symptoms are required to participate in fieldwork.

Affiliating students who have been granted a COVID-19 vaccine accommodation by the College **must comply with the following, in addition to wearing a surgical mask, distancing, and eye protection during fieldwork:**

- Submit to MANDATORY ON CAMPUS SARS CoV2 RT-PCR testing every 7 days at a minimum.
  - Begin the week prior to fieldwork start date
  - Continuously (including holidays and breaks)
  - End the week following fieldwork end date
- 7 days is the maximum period between tests. If the weekly schedule is disrupted, must test 72 hours prior to fieldwork day. Plan accordingly with consideration for weather-related and unforeseen closures.
- Obtain the proper test: **SARS CoV2 RT-PCR**. Rapid testing is not acceptable. On campus testing is a guaranteed acceptable test.
- Testing must be completed on campus. Off campus testing is NOT accepted unless it is performed at a Stop the Spread location or the lab report result documentation identifies a RT-PCR test.
- If a SARS CoV2 RT-PCR test is obtained off campus due to curtailment, it must be successfully uploaded to the HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER - STCCNet Portal Page / Drop Box prior to attending fieldwork.
- "TNP/Invalid Specimen" or "Inconclusive"/Presumed POSITIVE results must be repeated the NEXT DAY
- Retain a copy of results to have readily available upon fieldwork site request (Required by and not limited to: STCC Dental Hygiene Clinic, All Long term care facilities, Encompass, Franklin Medical Center).
- NEVER assume you can STOP TESTING. You MUST TEST CONTINUOUSLY even over holiday and break periods. A surveillance exemption notice email must be received from the Director of Health Compliance in order to pause testing.
- DO NOT make any assumptions about testing. If unsure, please contact the Director of Health Compliance, mtbaker2001@stcc.edu, for clarification. Once a weekly/7 day testing schedule has been disrupted, it must resume with a test completed 72 hour prior to fieldwork followed by a weekly schedule thereafter.
- CONTINUE TO TEST until the week following your last clinical day. Rationale: If positive, STCC is obligated to notify the fieldwork site and STCC Covid-19 Case Manager to conduct contract tracing.
- If tested positive in the past 90 days, contact the STCC Director of Health Compliance, mtbaker2001@stcc.edu, for additional guidance.
- You will be removed from fieldwork for failing to comply with the weekly surveillance testing requirement or failing to report COVID-19 exposures or signs/symptoms of COVID-19.
- Terms and conditions of this surveillance testing requirement are subject to change. Changes will be communicated accordingly.