

# DEPAUL UNIVERSITY



## Speech Language Pathology - Occupational Therapy Programs COVID Guidelines & Procedures

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### 1. Follow the [Blue Demon Pledge](#):

As a Blue Demon who respects the dignity of all people, I am committed to taking care of myself and taking care of our DePaul community during the COVID-19 pandemic. I pledge to do my part to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our campus community, by:

- Washing my hands often with soap and water, or using hand sanitizer
- Wearing my cloth face covering over my nose and mouth
- Maintaining physical distance of 6 feet or more from others
- Self-monitoring for the symptoms of COVID-19 through the self-screening app #CampusClear
- Staying home when I am sick or after exposure to someone who has COVID-19
- Reporting to the university if I test positive or have been diagnosed with COVID-19
- Abiding by all DePaul safety standards and protocols

I recognize that by taking these simple steps, I can help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and its devastating effects on people and communities. By doing this, I am taking care of myself, taking care of others, and taking care of my DePaul family.

### 2. Exposure to COVID:

People who are fully vaccinated do NOT need to quarantine after contact with someone who had COVID-19 unless they have symptoms. Fully vaccinated people should get tested 3-5 days after their exposure, even if they don't have symptoms, and wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days following exposure, or until their test result is negative.

People who are NOT VACCINATED should quarantine if they have been in close contact (within 6 feet of someone for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period) with someone who has COVID-19.

- 3. If you feel sick**, stay home, inform your Program Director, get tested and isolate. If your test results are negative, return to class when you are able.
- 4. If you test positive**, isolate and follow DePaul Protocol for Reporting Confirmed COVID-19 Cases or Exposure: [DePaul COVID Reporting Protocol](#). Do not return to class for 10 days since symptoms first appeared AND 24 hours with no fever without use of fever-reducing medications.
- 5. If a student or faculty member tests positive after being in the 2400 N Sheffield Building**, those who are fully vaccinated should get tested in 3-5 days, quarantining is not required, however, use good judgement and avoid vulnerable populations when possible. Those who are not fully vaccinated should quarantine: stay home for 14 days after last contact with person who has COVID-19, watch for symptoms, stay away from others.
- 6. Maintain confidentiality.** In all instances, it is our responsibility, as directed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to maintain the privacy and anonymity of those individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 and those who may be part of any contact investigation. DePaul's support for those who are affected will include doing all we collectively can, including respecting their privacy. Please remember to honor this commitment to privacy for those who contract the virus. If you learn of someone who has tested positive, do not share that information with others. Rather, follow the DePaul COVID Reporting Protocol. To the extent possible, the university will protect the privacy and anonymity of those who test positive for COVID-19 and those who may have been exposed to COVID-19.
- 7. Additional SLP and OT Program Health and Safety Practices**  
All SLP and OT students and faculty, regardless of vaccination status, must practice health and safety practices that align with DePaul's Blue Demon Pledge that includes the following additional practices:
  - No eating and drinking in SLP or OT classes.
  - No eating or drinking in the SLP/OT communal student space at 2400 N. Sheffield.
  - Wipe down surfaces in the SLP and OT spaces after use.
  - Social distance
  - Self-monitor symptoms and sickness.

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