

Great Lakes Institute of Technology / TONI&GUY Hairdressing Academy

Health and Safety Plan Addenda

Effective Monday, November 23, 2020

To prevent and reduce COVID-19 Transmission and under the recommendation of the PA Department of Health and the Department of Education, Great Lakes Institute of Technology and TONI&GUY Hairdressing Academy has adopted the following Testing and Tracing Strategy. These strategies are combined with the current measures to mitigate disease spread, including physical distancing, mask usage, hand hygiene, and enhanced cleaning and disinfection practices.

Wellness Checks

The school will begin to conducting wellness checks at the beginning of each day by asking the following questions.

1. Have you been told to quarantine by a medical provider or the health department?
2. In the last 14 days, have you had face to face contact within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more with someone who has COVID-19?
3. Have you experienced any COVID-19 symptoms in the last 48 hours?

Anyone who answers “yes” to any of these questions should not enter the facility and should report to a healthcare provider to evaluate the situation.

All students and employees should download the “COVID Alert PA” app. This is the official mobile app by the PA Department of Health that uses the Exposure Notification System provided by Apple and Google. Once you download the app to your smartphone, you can opt in to receive alerts if you have had a potential exposure to someone who tested positive for COVID-19.

More information can be found at: <https://www.pa.gov/covid/covid-alert-pa/>

COVID-19 Testing

Entry Testing - All individuals who travel outside of Pennsylvania during extended breaks (Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc) must be tested within 72 hours prior to entering PA and returning to school, or quarantine for 14 days upon entering Pennsylvania. This is in response to the Order of the Secretary of the PA Department of Health for Mitigation to Travel issued November 20, 2020. This does not include those individuals who live in Ohio and New York and commute to campus, unless travel within those states included a high-risk region outside the vicinity of their personal residence.

Regular Screening Testing –The school does not have an on-campus health center or testing facility and as such, the school will not conduct ongoing random testing. Instead, the school will rely on each individual’s relationship with their healthcare provider to participate in regular screening, as directed.

Free COVID-19 testing is available at a variety of locations. To find a location nearest you, visit <https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/community-based-testing-sites/index.html#pa>

Contact Tracing

The school will defer to the PA and Erie County Department of Health to complete any contact tracing for cases of COVID-19 within our campus. In the case that DOH is unavailable, the school will perform internal contact tracing of any confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 that have been in the facilities, under the following protocols.

If an individual has been on campus and has tested positive for COVID-19, the individual should immediately notify their program director, supervisor, or the Pandemic Coordinator (PC). Do not wait for that the Department of Health to notify school.

Upon notification of a case of COVID-19, the Pandemic Coordinator and supervisor will work with the individual to inform all close contacts that they may have been exposed and they should report to their healthcare provider immediately. All close contacts are required to quarantine according to protocol. The PC will initiate any protocols necessary according to the most recent policies.

In order to facilitate in-house contact tracing, the following measures are in place.

1. Assigned seating for classes, where feasible
2. Assigned partners for lab activities
3. Using sign in sheets for in-person classes and meetings to document all attendees
4. Keeping a record of all other persons entering the building, their reasons for being there, and the locations in the building they visit, and the names of close contacts in the building, if applicable.
5. Encouraging individuals to use the COVID Alert PA app.
6. Using the school's camera security system to trace activity

Note: The status of an employee's or student's health is protected health information and may not be shared with the community in a manner that would violate the right to privacy of that employee or student.

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