As a small, private, non-profit institution of higher education, Dunwoody College of Technology is committed to changing lives by building opportunities for graduates to have successful careers, to develop into leaders and entrepreneurs, and to engage in “the better performance of life’s duties.” We value collaboration, inclusion, curiosity, and inspiration as we work together in times of crisis and change. Together we are taking action, and creating a culture of keeping each other safe.

DUNWOODY SAFE

The Dunwoody Safe plan is a comprehensive approach to delivering hands-on education, in a safe way due to challenges caused by a global pandemic. It incorporates the College’s Preparedness Plan, its Return to In Person Instruction, and the preparation for a Fall 2021 start that includes:

- Return to hands-on, in-person instruction in our labs, shops, and studios
- On-campus services, support, and activities for students, supplemented by virtual options as needed

All aspects of the plan meet or exceed recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and the Minnesota Department of Health.

The Dunwoody Safe plan is one piece of Dunwoody’s overall approach to creating a safe campus environment for our students, employees, and visitors. Information about the College’s Public Safety & Security measures can be found online at dunwoody.edu/public-safety.

Together, Dunwoody is living up to its “Born to Do” motto, as it works to keep our students, employees, and visitors safe, while still delivering the high-quality education Dunwoody is known for.

With our low student-to-teacher ratios and large lab spaces, Dunwoody has been able to safely offer in-person, hands-on learning and activities.

No large campus community can guarantee a COVID-19 free environment, and the steps described in this plan recognize that reality. Dunwoody expects all students, employees, and visitors to assume responsibility for their own health and safety and act in a manner that demonstrates respect for those around them.
The health and safety of the Dunwoody Community is our top priority, and is reflected in the following key measures the College is taking, including:

1. Asking all individuals to take responsibility for their own health both in and outside of Dunwoody, and to follow the guidelines and expectations set forth in the Dunwoody Safe plan.

2. Requiring that both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals wear masks or facial coverings while on campus until the College reaches a vaccination threshold of at least 80 percent.

3. Implementing campus-wide health and safety protocols that include: monitoring and aligning with local and state health guidelines, and tracking and reporting on positive cases as required by the State.

4. Providing support and engagement both in person and in virtual ways to accommodate students’ needs.

5. Providing the same, high-quality education Dunwoody is known for in safe and innovative ways.

6. Preparing for contingencies and changes as the pandemic situation evolves.
ON-CAMPUS, IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION THIS FALL

Dunwoody College of Technology is welcoming students back to campus for the Fall 2021 semester.

Recent guidance from the Minnesota Department of Health and the CDC means Dunwoody will be resuming normal operations, with some continued safety protocols in place.

These safety protocols will allow the College to provide hands-on learning, in-person lectures and labs, along with student support functions and student life activities here on campus.

A lot of thought and work has gone into preparing for the fall, and our plans meet or exceed the CDC and Minnesota Department of Health recommendations. All planning places the safety of our students and faculty as the highest priority.

WEARING MASKS

Both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals are required to wear masks or facial coverings while on campus until the College reaches a vaccination threshold of at least 80 percent.

Dunwoody is implementing this temporary reinstatement of its mask requirement to keep our community safe until it can fully assess how the new COVID variants and vaccination rates are impacting cases and spread.

(Dunwoody’s percentage of those currently vaccinated will be provided by the MN Dept. of Health based on student enrollment data.)

ENCOURAGING VACCINES

Dunwoody College is highly encouraging its students to be fully vaccinated prior to the start of the semester, in order to prevent community spread. If you have questions about where and how to receive a vaccine, you can reach out to Student Affairs for available resources.

INNOVATIVE ONLINE LEARNING

The College will continue to utilize flexible online learning options for some classes and programs as needed, or as outlined in the course description.
HOUSEKEEPING

Dunwoody has high standards for a clean and healthy environment. These include:

- Regular housekeeping practices, including routine cleaning and disinfecting of work surfaces, equipment, tools and machinery, and areas in the work environment, including restrooms, break rooms, lunch rooms and meeting rooms.

- Frequent cleaning and disinfecting will be conducted in high-touch areas, such as phones, keyboards, touch screens, controls, door handles, elevator panels, railings, copy machines, etc.

VISITING CAMPUS

Employees and students are encouraged to self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. By entering the Dunwoody buildings, students, employees, and guests are affirming the following:

- They are not experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms
- They have not come into close contact with anyone who has COVID-19 or COVID-19 symptoms

ASKING EVERYONE TO DO THEIR PART

- Stay home if you are sick
- Wash your hands
- Cover your cough or sneeze
- Wear a mask

GUIDED BY THE EXPERTS

Dunwoody’s guidelines, actions, and protocols all meet or exceed guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Minnesota Department of Health.

IMPROVED AIR QUALITY

Recognizing the importance of improved air ventilation in preventing the spread of the coronavirus, Dunwoody has taken steps to nearly double the volume of outside air that’s circulated in its buildings through its ventilation system. Dunwoody has installed upgraded air filters which are able to capture smaller particles, including viruses and bacteria.

The College has also installed a product in its air handlers that contains a special blend of activated carbon for removal of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) and other indoor pollutants to improve the indoor air quality.
COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS PLAN

Dunwoody College of Technology is committed to providing a safe and healthy workplace for employees and students and developed its Preparedness Plan in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

To review the complete Preparedness Plan, visit DUNWOODY.EDU/COVID19

Our goal is to mitigate the potential for transmission of COVID-19 at Dunwoody, and that requires full cooperation among faculty, staff, and students.

Only through this cooperative effort can we establish and maintain the safety and health of our college community.
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