

Utah Board of Higher Education

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Student-Centered & Guiding Principles

- Mountainland Technical College (MTECH) is committed to welcoming students back to campus and will **promote a healthy environment** using a combination of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC)-guided behavioral expectations (e.g., face coverings, social distancing) and an **ethic of personal responsibility, enhanced facility cleaning protocols, and comprehensive communications.**

At MTECH, we know that no plan is perfect, nor should it remain fixed indefinitely. We expect that our policy will evolve as the status of COVID-19, and our understanding of best practices, develops.

- The cornerstone of MTECH's reopening plan is the same which has governed our operations for three decades: **ensuring the health and well-being of our students, faculty, staff, and visitors.**



Timeline & Response

March 13: Announcement of temporary cessation of in-person instruction and introduction of online-only Instruction to begin March 18

March 23: Announcement of **complete MTECH Closure** beginning March 30

April 28: Notice of extension of closure, re-opening date set for June 1

June 1: Phase 1 Re-opening of MTECH and in-person instruction

August 3: Phase 2 of re-opening implemented



Early Operating Decisions

Students:

- No tuition charged from March 16 until June 1
- Canvas available for those interested in progressing
- Close coordination with school districts for High School grading
- Probationary contracts frozen
- Graduation canceled
- Counseling available (MTECH and/or SafeUT Counselors)

Faculty & Staff:

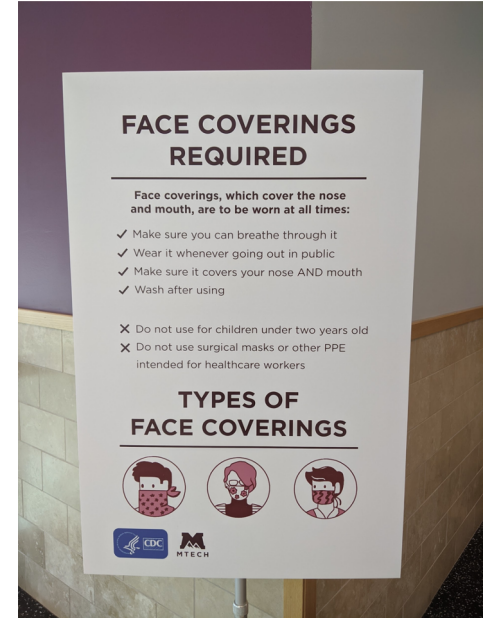
- Curriculum updates and modifications
- Individual work-plans for all employees
- Professional development training
- Counseling available (MTECH and/or SafeUT Counselors)



MTECH Re-Opening Protocols

Everyone (Students, Faculty, Administration, Staff, & Visitors) entering an MTECH facility, consistent with CDC recommendations, is expected to accommodate the following:

- **Face coverings, which cover the nose and mouth, are to be worn at all times (masks provided by school)**
- **Maintain social distancing of at least six (6) feet**
- *Temperature check-in stations, started in June, were discontinued on August 3, 2020*



MTECH Re-Opening Protocols, cont.

Facility Cleanliness Management, as of June 1, 2020

MTECH takes extra precautions and preventive measures in following the [CDC's recommendations](#) on **daily cleaning and disinfecting our campuses** to help protect students, staff, and faculty against the Coronavirus/COVID-19.



MTECH Re-Opening Protocols, cont.

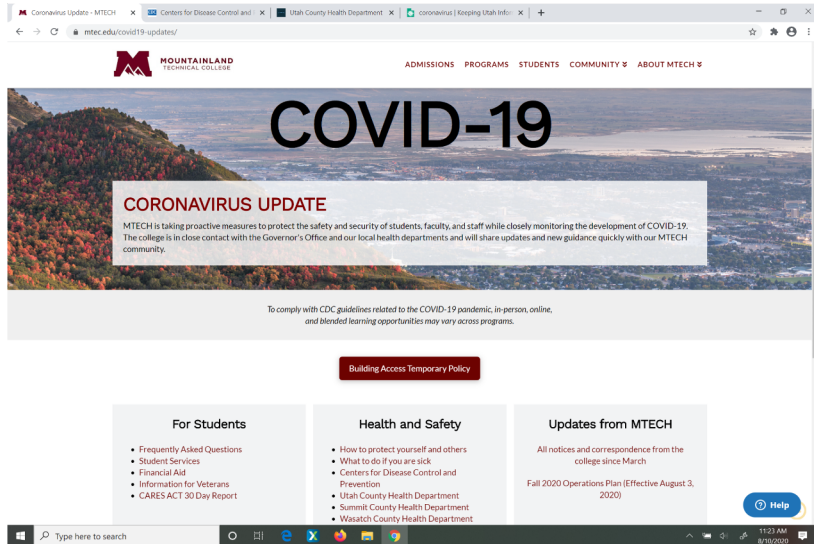
Employee Expectations, as of June 1, 2020

In addition to complying with College requirements of face coverings and social distancing, all employees will:

- Monitor and encourage adherence to all policies, including face coverings.
- Clean class/work-area above and beyond that of the facilities team.
- Report any issues of non-compliance with any school policy to administration or, based on the severity of the situation, law enforcement.
- Direct any student or visitor experiencing coronavirus symptoms to the Health Department (information posted throughout the facilities).



Clear & Consistent Communication



- **16 Direct Messages from Office of the President to students, faculty, and staff**
- **Real-time updates posted to the Web and connected through social media**
- **Online Town Hall / Q&A Session**
- **Federal, State, and Local authorities and health agencies**



Lessons Learned from COVID-19

- No plan is perfect or fixed
- Sound decisions require thoughtful input from stakeholders and healthcare experts
- Clear, consistent, communication is key
- Students, Staff, & Faculty deserve leadership focused on their health and safety
- MTECH is better prepared today than yesterday or in March 2020



MTECH Supports Utah's Economic Recovery

- Full offering of Programs
- Learn and Work in Utah Scholarship Grant
- Staff and Faculty excited to serve and deliver world-class education expected from MTECH

UTAH LEADS
TOGETHER III

Utah's plan for a health and
economic recovery

EDUCATION – TIME TO RETURN TO SCHOOL



The Economic Response Task Force recognizes that the ultimate solution to the far-reaching impacts of COVID-19 is to safely restore a sense of normalcy to economic and social life in Utah. This is Utah's plan and it begins with public and higher education where hundreds of thousands of students develop life-sustaining knowledge and skills. The state has plans to physically bring students in kindergarten through post-secondary education safely back to school in fall 2020.



Thank you for your support!



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