



## CONTACT TRACING AND QUARANTINE PROTOCOL 8/25/2020

Barton College is committed to the use of contact tracing, testing, and quarantine to stem the spread of the coronavirus when such actions are warranted and under the guidance of state and local officials. The Barton College Lee Student Health Center, in collaboration with the Wilson County Health Department, will determine when these actions are required.

### **Contact Tracing**

- Contact tracing will be conducted for close contacts of laboratory-confirmed or probable COVID-19 patients. Standards for determining “close contacts” are set by state and local health officials. Such standards consider duration of exposure, proximity, and whether masks or other PPE were being worn.
- Contact tracing and communication will be done remotely (e.g. via phone, videoconference, or email) if at all possible. In-person communication may be considered only after remote options have been exhausted.
- Testing is recommended for all close contacts of confirmed or probable COVID-19 patients.
- Those contacts who test positive (symptomatic or asymptomatic) should be managed as a confirmed COVID-19 case.
- Close contacts with symptoms should immediately self-isolate and be referred for testing and medical care to the Lee Student Health Center or off-campus provider.
- Close contacts with no symptoms will be asked to self-quarantine for a period of time to be determined by the Wilson County Health Department. The last potential exposure would initially be determined by the case investigator (The Wilson County Health Department).

### **Testing**

Barton requires all students, staff, and faculty to self-assess each morning for coronavirus symptoms before beginning work or classes. Students with symptoms should contact the health center. Faculty and staff should consult their health care providers. Barton College will test students, staff, or faculty of the college when explicitly requested to do so by state or local officials.

### **Quarantine**

- Any members of the campus community with suspected COVID-19, who are awaiting test results, or who have a laboratory-confirmed positive result will be informed of quarantine requirements by the college in partnership with Wilson County Health Department.
- If students who need to quarantine can return to their homes, they are encouraged to do so. Students who cannot return home will quarantine in a location indicated by the college. Faculty and staff should quarantine at home.
- Quarantine Spaces will ONLY be available to residential students who must return home by public transportation (plane, train, bus, etc).