Covid19 Measures:

1. Getting fully vaccinated: Vaccines are safe and effective and readily available. The Board of Regents that governs CCSU has determined that a vaccine mandate is in force for Fall 2021. The university has organized free walk-up clinics on campus for those not yet vaccinated and is offering the possibility of gift cards as well. For full details: [https://www.ccsu.edu/blueprint/get-vaccinated.html](https://www.ccsu.edu/blueprint/get-vaccinated.html)

2. Wearing face masks: Protecting ourselves and each other requires measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, which is an airborne virus. Wearing face masks of an approved character (not scarves or bandanas) significantly reduces both the possibility of someone infected spreading the virus, and others not infected from contracting it. CCSU has adopted a policy requiring the wearing of appropriate face masks by all members of the community, and in particular students and faculty while in class or in buildings. Anyone coming to class without an approved face mask will be required to obtain one at the “mask station” nearest our building; class will not be held with anyone not masked.

3. Maintaining social distancing: Social distancing helps in preventing the spread of the virus. In class, we will keep our desks at the designated 3-foot separations and will not move them for group work. Outside of class, please maintain social distancing, even if the door of the classroom is not open when you arrive. When leaving class, students will exit by row. These measures will be taken to respect the social distancing requirement.

4. Getting tested if exposed: If you learn that you have been in contact with anyone who has become infected, you need to get tested to determine if you have also been infected. Even a brief encounter may result in infection, given the communicability of the Delta variant. Testing is free and simple. You can find a testing center (e.g., CVS or Walgreen’s) online, or purchase a home testing kit. Do not come to class until you have recorded a negative test result.

5. Isolating if you have symptoms: If you have any symptoms, including flu-like symptoms, loss of sense of taste or smell, or any other symptom associated with COVID-19, you must immediately inform university authorities and follow quarantine procedures and stay home until your symptoms cease and you test negative for COVID-19. If your symptoms are significant, do not hesitate to contact a physician for medical advice and care, or go to a health care clinic near your home.

6. Preparing to go remote: We cannot predict what will happen in the coming weeks and months, including whether the infection rate will significantly increase (or perhaps decline), and what measures the university, and the state may take. In the case where the pandemic spikes to an unacceptable degree, we may go entirely remote—that is to say, fully online. That decision will be made by the university and system authorities, not individually by your instructors. Should we go remote, you will be informed as to how the class will continue online and any other changes that may be required."