**COVID-19 Statement**

During this unprecedented pandemic, the immense impact on learners cannot be understated. There has been, is, and will continue to be stress, anxiety, fear, economic uncertainty, and general feelings of unease. You are encouraged to make use of the resources at WVSU for your physical health, mental well-being, and enhanced learning. These services include Counseling, Accessibility Services, FamilyCare Health Center, and the Office of Retention and Student Success. All offices are equipped to assist you in person or via technological means.

In order to best facilitate your learning and to provide you with a safe environment, please note the following COVID related policies and procedures:

**• Vaccines:** The best way to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 is through vaccinations. Vaccinations are strongly encouraged for all faculty, staff, and students to ensure the health and safety of our campus. Weekly vaccine clinics will be available for students, faculty and staff on campus.

**• COVID Related Class Absences:** Students that test positive should notify their instructors and work with them on a plan for missed classes and course work. Efforts to stay current in classroom lectures may be accomplished via a synchronous live stream and/or a time delayed recording at the discretion of the faculty member(s) and availability of cameras in the classroom. In addition to instructor content, remote delivery may include capture of all classroom audio and visual happenings during designated class times, including that of students who may be part of the class, but who are not physically in the classroom. By remaining in the class, you are agreeing to this statement.

If you have specific questions or concerns about this, please contact the faculty member(s) to inquire if livestreaming/recording will be used in the course

**• Class Changes:** In the unexpected event that the University cancels in person classes, the method of delivery of in person courses may change to fully online or hybrid delivery. The nature and number of assignments may also need to be adapted to ensure quality and safety.

**• Face Masks:** Masks are not required but are always highly encouraged in indoor close contact and high traffic areas.

**• Positive COVID Test Results:** If you test positive for COVID-19, you will be required to follow protocols per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for an isolation period. Accommodations will be provided by the instructor upon notification from the student of quarantine/isolation. Students are responsible for completing all missed assignments. Students who tests positive must also notify Safety and Chemical Hygiene Officer Joseph Davenport at [joseph.davenport@wvstateu.edu](mailto:joseph.davenport@wvstateu.edu) (304-204-4060 or 304-590-2727) so that contact tracing can be performed in a timely manner.