



## COLLEGE PANDEMIC RESPONSE POLICY

**Board Bylaw:**

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### **Purpose**

Kaskaskia College will provide and implement a Pandemic Response Procedure to guide the College in preparing for and responding to a pandemic outbreak. The purpose of this Procedure is to minimize and mitigate the impact of a viral pandemic on students, faculty, and staff by describing the specific actions to be taken by the College based on the following objectives and assumptions.

#### Objectives:

- To protect the lives, safety, and health of all students, faculty, staff, of Kaskaskia College.
- To effectively communicate with all involved parties throughout the duration of a confirmed pandemic.
- To provide for the continuation of as many college operations and services as possible as long as it is safe to do so.
- To prevent the spread of viruses through health and hygiene education.
- To provide and implement a reentry/reopen plan for the College once the pandemic has slowed or has been eradicated.
- Assumptions:
  - In the event of a pandemic, the State of Illinois may have minimal resources available for local assistance and local authorities will be responsible for community-based response plans.
  - A viral pandemic can potentially spread from person to person, resulting in substantial absenteeism of students and staff at the College.
  - Vaccines and antiviral medications may be in short supply during the initial months after the onset of a pandemic.
  - Recommendations and directives to close schools, public events, restrict travel, and quarantine areas may come from the State of Illinois, Illinois Department of Public Health and respective County Health Departments.
  - During a pandemic Kaskaskia College may need to shift services to a remote method of delivery and minimize staffing for extended period of times.

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