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Autry Technology Center Announces Reopening Procedures

ENID, OKLA. – In accordance with state and local guidelines, and direction from the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technical Education, Autry Technology Center facilities are tentatively scheduled to reopen on Monday, May 18, with limited access.

In order to comply with these directives and ensure the safest environment for our staff and those we serve, the following procedures will be in place until further notice.

- Only individuals with a scheduled appointment or class should visit any Autry Tech location – no walk-ins will be allowed.
- All approved visitors will be required to use the main entrance at all locations as all other doors will remain locked, as well as be required to sign in upon arrival and exit.
- Upon entrance at an Autry Technology Center facility, touchless temperature checks will be conducted before entering the building.
- A mask that covers the mouth and nose will be required while inside the facility or in close proximity to others outside the facilities.
- CDC guidelines regarding social distancing will be observed while on Autry Tech property.
- Classes will be limited to no more than 10 in a classroom setting including instructional staff.
- Common areas, break rooms, and shared food will remain prohibited.

Full-time Distance Learning

Distance learning for full-time programs will be completed the last day of the school year - Friday, May 15, 2020. Adult full-time students will be contacted individually by instructors for access to the campus for skills or certification testing. For any additional questions, full-time students are encouraged to contact their instructor.

Advanced Medical Programs

In-person and online training opportunities for advanced medical full-time students will continue to be delivered. Instructors will communicate with students and share details as on campus training may become available beginning Wednesday, May 20, 2020.

Meeting Rooms/Outside Events:

Autry Technology Center will not be accepting reservations for meeting rooms for outside groups at any location until further notice. This includes, but is not limited to: recruitment events, tours, student programs, conferences and social events.

Short-term Courses & Industry Training

Autry Tech is continuously evaluating and developing online learning environments for short-term courses and training provided by the BIS Team. Individuals and companies will be contacted directly to determine if training will take place in person or online. Autry Technology Center will NOT be providing training at outside facilities until the City of Enid enters phase three of the reopening plan.

Testing on Campus:

All testing will require a scheduled appointment. All testing candidates will be required to wear a mask and must wash their hands upon arrival. Candidates will be asked to follow additional check-in procedures in order to ensure a secure, clean testing environment.

Clinicals:

With current published Open Up and Recover Safely guidance as of April 22, after May 15 (Phase 2) specific activities may be reinstated while maintaining cautionary measures and following the CDC guidelines. Additional guidance will be provided when Oklahoma reaches Phase 3 (tentatively June 1).

- It is not recommended any instructor or student in the vulnerable population participate in-person training/clinical.
- Students/Instructors needing to complete clinical hours, it is recommended to complete as much as possible virtually.
- In-person clinicals for after May 15 must be restricted to groups of 10 or less, follow CDC guidelines, which includes social distancing, daily sanitizing, potential temperature checks and appropriate PPE for instructors and participants.
- It is recommended clinicals be conducted in low-risk environments.
- It should be documented that students/instructors/preceptors were provided documentation to explain the cautionary measures required for any in-person interaction.
- For returning secondary students OJT/Clinicals could be considered during Phase 3. (tentatively June 1)
- For testing and checkoff purposes, all the above guidelines should be followed.

Students with specific questions regarding clinicals should contact their instructor.

The health of all of our stakeholders depends on adherence to these procedures. We respectfully ask for your help in keeping everyone safe. At Autry Technology Center, the health, safety and well-being of our students and staff are our top priorities. As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve, updates will be made on the district website – autrytech.edu – and social media pages. Numerous resources are also available, including community updates, frequently asked questions, small business resources to assist our community partners and CDC recommendations.

Should you have questions or individual concerns, please contact Autry Technology Center at 580-242-2750.

Autry Technology Center has been a part of the Enid community since 1967 and is one of 29 CareerTech schools across Oklahoma. The center has more than 25 career programs and offers a wide variety of evening and weekend short-term courses and certifications for many diverse career fields. Autry Tech serves nearly 16,000 individuals each year, including many area employees who receive training through the Business and Industry Services Department that works with over 500 local businesses each year.

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