COVID-19 FAQ for Students

Q: I have a disability that creates a medical concern related to COVID-19, and I have a class that meets on campus. Can I attend this class remotely based on my concern of being exposed to COVID?

A: This may be an option based on the class structure and essential objectives of the course. Consultation will occur between ASC and the student diagnosed with a disability (after review of medical documentation) to discuss alternative access to the class. The faculty is an important part of this discussion and will need to be consulted with to determine the alternative modality which will allow for equal access to the learning outcome.

Q: I have (asthma, diabetes, etc.) that is typically controlled, but based on CDC guidelines related to COVID-19, I fall in a high-risk category if I am exposed to it. I do not want to be on campus because of the risk to exposure. What are my options?

A: ASC can support students with appropriate medical documentation stating the medical diagnosis that creates a risk related to COVID-19. Following this, students will attend an interactive process with ASC to discuss potential options and/or alternative access to the on-campus course.

Q: I am scared of COVID-19 and my anxiety has increased related to being in public spaces. I want to have my classes online. What are my next steps?

A: ASC is available for consultation around anxiety, as well as other increased mental health symptoms, related to COVID-19. Medical documentation will need to be reviewed by ASC to determine the mental health provider’s stance related to current symptoms and treatment plan to help facilitate a discussion around options.

Q: I do not have an underlying health condition or disability concern related to COVID-19, but I live with someone who does. Am I allowed to attend my classes online or have remote access?

A: Create a report to the Behavioral Review Team (BRT) indicating a COVID-19 related concern and someone will be in touch regarding potential options.
Q: I have a disability that creates a barrier to wearing a mask on campus. Can I be exempt from this requirement?

A: Wearing a mask is a guideline UNO is following based on public health and safety guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC). Consultation between ASC and the student will be necessary to discuss barriers related to wearing a mask; medical documentation to support this will also be reviewed by ASC in order to discuss options.

Q: I rely on reading lips to understand what people are saying. Masks will create a barrier to my ability to understand while my professor is teaching, or my peers are discussing a topic. What options are available for me?

A: ASC can support students by either working to discuss alternatives with faculty, such as wearing a clear mask or face shield, or can work to create an accommodation plan to access live captioning services. Contacting ASC is the first step to start this process.