

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

IMPORTANT UPDATES SEPTEMBER 11, 2020 – PLEASE READ THOROUGHLY!

Healthy Together Pledge!

Please sign and return to the Healthy Together Pledge to Kevin Brinkman – if you still have not signed and returned the form.

Masks are Mandatory

I have seen some students taking their masks down during class or wearing the mask with their nose exposed. The concept of the mask is to keep your nose and mouth covered to eliminate or significantly reduce respiratory droplets from the mouth and nose into the surrounding environment. This is not just about being considerate, this is about safety and is **MANDATORY**. We are so committed to safety that we will be enforcing the wearing of masks beginning with verbal warning up through potential expulsion.

What can happen if a student chooses not to respect the Mandatory Mask rule:

- **Warning**

A verbal and/or written warning is given the first time a student engages in prohibited conduct.

- **Fines**

Reasonable monetary fines may be assessed by CCMS, either alone or in conjunction with other discipline, that align with college policies governing destruction of property, vandalism, theft, loss of books or property, and other actions which result in a pecuniary loss to CCMS.

- **Probation**

Conduct deemed sufficiently serious by the President or his/her designee may result in probation. Two or more minor infractions not considered sufficiently serious for probation on their own may be deemed collectively sufficient in seriousness. The length of probation is determined by the President and is reflective of the seriousness of the conduct in question.

- **Suspension**

Conduct deemed sufficiently serious by the President may result in suspension. In some extremely serious cases, CCMS will not consider readmission.

- **Peremptory Suspension.**

CCMS reserves the right, in a very serious or emergency situation, for the President to suspend a student peremptorily. Under the terms of peremptory suspension, the student will be required to leave the campus immediately and to surrender any I.D. or college property. Peremptory suspension is typically reserved for, but not limited to, cases in which public or individual safety and/or health are endangered. The student retains the right to appeal.

- **Expulsion**

A student engaging in behavior deemed egregious by CCMS may be expelled from CCMS and will not be considered for readmission.

Any of the penalties outlined above may be suspended in whole or in part at the discretion of the President of CCMS or the Board of Trustees. The suspension of a penalty is contingent upon the good conduct of the student. If the student repeats the offense, the original sentence will be reinstated without delay or appeal. Note:

Disciplinary action by CCMS does not preclude the possibility that separate criminal or civil prosecution may also follow. Questionable conduct off the CCMS campus may be grounds for CCMS to take disciplinary action as well.

Comp Exams for S3

We will open the comps exams for Semester 3 students beginning the week of October 12th. We have found that taking the comps exams as many times as possible improves your test taking skills in preparation for the National Board Exams (NBE). Taking tests is one of the best ways to improve NBE pass rates! We will be posting four versions of the test. Students should take the tests as many times as possible. We have seen that students who take the comps multiple times will increase their comps score each time and improve the probability of passing the NBE first time.

We will also be continuing the monetary incentive to pass the NBE (both Arts & Science) first time. Students who 1) attend all the review classes, 2) take and pass both sections of the NBE within 30 days of being released to take the test, and 3) submit the appropriate forms to Mr. Ivey – we will refund your \$570.00 NBE fee!

All Semesters

Everyone will earn their Crematory Operator Certification via zoom webcast on September 30th. This will be a full day 8-4:30 in which you must be available and not multitasking your time. You'll be getting more detailed information about week prior to the program. This all-day training is required, along with successful completion of the post-test administered online over the content delivered by ICCFA, in order to complete your certification as a crematory operator. This course will allow you to apply for a crematory operator permit in the State of Ohio.

Final Thoughts

PLEASE ACT RESPONSIBLY WHEN OFF CAMPUS!

- ✓ Continue to practice social distancing, avoid public spaces as much as possible and interactions with the public to the best of your ability.
- ✓ Younger people are at significantly higher risk due to the desire to go out into public spaces and socialize with friends.
- ✓ Wash your hands regularly, keep your hands away from your face, and continue to wear a mask when in public spaces.

This pandemic is not over. You must do your individual part to help everyone remain healthy until a COVID-19 vaccine is produced and distributed. Students, faculty, and staff did not want or create this worldwide pandemic. But we are all stressed and need to continue to support each other so we can get through this together. Decide to make a difference for good and govern yourself accordingly!

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