

Update on Students handling Covid

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As the fall semester continues, students are getting more and more satisfied with the covid restrictions that TCNJ have put up. While people are thankful that we are finally in person after a year and a half, there is still some social distancing, mask wearing and sanitation being done all around campus. The good news is students are well aware of the covid cases that are rising up, especially at school. And so , we check in with a few students from the Brower Student Center to see how they are holding up during the ongoing pandemic.

One student named Sophia Dorado, who is a freshman majoring in business administration, commented “The only thing that’s hard about it is the fact that I’m not really able to work in groups because we have to socially distance ourselves from others.”

Unfortunately, that is one of the many struggles that go on on campus. But it’s important for students to be aware that social distancing can really make a difference in the amount of cases that this country, let alone this campus, are getting as time goes on.

“It’s good to be in person, so it’s going well to be in that class environment again,” said junior business management major Felix Lopez, “I’m glad we have the Covid restrictions because it’s still a pandemic so I’m glad that safety is still a priority and I’m happy with the way that they’re doing it with the masks being required.”

Sophomore nursing major added, “We keep a good distance between sitting next to someone, so I feel like it’s doing well.”

Students also have opinions for the mask mandates and whether or not they should be kept or revoked.

“I think they should keep the mask mandates because it’s definitely better than people getting sick, but I guess as time goes on and things get better then we can reduce them.” replied Dorado

Lopez also agrees with the mask mandates going on for the school “For now, I think they should go on with it just because Covid is the type of disease that is able to mutate and become stronger so people, despite being vaccinated are still getting Covid and it can spread into other people so I think they should go on for a little bit. I know they are doing the booster shot for the vaccine so maybe see how things go with that and go from there.”

“I think they should still go on. I heard that more cases are going up every single day. Personally, I don’t mind the mask so I’m fine with wearing my mask.”

Based on everything that has happened this year so far, according to most of the students, they seem very satisfied with how TCNJ is handling the pandemic, the restrictions and the mask mandates. Everyone seems to be following the guidelines and doing what is expected of them.

“ I think it’s fine the way it is.” “I don’t hear a lot of incidents or problems about Covid restrictions besides getting the vaccine, but I feel like the college is doing a pretty good job going through Covid.”

Lopez quoted “From what I feel, I think they’re currently doing a good job. They have a good balance of giving that college experience and at the same time having a safe environment. So, I think it’s fine the way it is. It’s good to see the Student center a bit more full again because I was here last semester and I was kind of sad seeing everything empty so it’s nice to have students engage again and I feel like they’re doing a good job right now. I haven’t heard of a lot of cases. So, I think the school is handling it the best way they can.”

Dorado said that she is a commuter which is the most difficult part of Covid since she has a difficult time making friends and wishes that the school could come up with ways of getting commuters like her involved just like every other student who dorms. But for the most part she is fine with how TCNJ handled it.

Dorado replied, “I think the way they handled it was pretty good for the most part, such as requiring vaccines.”