

The safety and wellbeing of all members of our University community are of paramount importance. We are using guidance from experts at UChicago Medicine, the CDC, and others to implement safety precautions and best practices. The guidance below highlights practices that will help our campus community return to in-person activities safely. Please review the [Guide to Resuming In-Person Activities](#) for more detailed guidance. You can find the guide and other information on plans and protocols for resumption of in-person activity at goforward.uchicago.edu.

What the University is doing to help create a safe workplace

- **Cleaning:** We are enhancing cleaning and disinfection on campus, especially in high-traffic areas and on high-touch surfaces, including elevators, bathrooms, and stairwells.
- **Social Distancing:** The University has reduced capacity in most shared spaces (classrooms, conference rooms, etc.) to help those on campus maintain physical distance from others.
- **Training & Attestation:** Everyone returning to campus is required to complete a short online training and sign an electronic form affirming that they will comply with safety precautions.
- **Contact Tracing:** Under the direction of University of Chicago Medicine, the University has established a team dedicated to timely contact tracing for reported cases of COVID-19 involving members of the campus community.
- **Testing:** Tests will be available for any member of the campus community with COVID-19 symptoms. In addition, up to 5,000 volunteers will be tested frequently throughout the year to track asymptomatic infections on campus.

What you can do to help create a safe workplace

- **Self-Monitor:** Self-monitor for symptoms and stay home if you have potentially been exposed to COVID-19 or have had any symptoms, including: cough, runny or stuffy nose, shortness of breath, fever, difficulty breathing, chills, body aches, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea. If you have symptoms, do not go to your University destination; consult your healthcare provider and inform your supervisor or academic leader. Do not return to campus for at least 10 days since the symptoms first appeared AND 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and other symptoms have improved. Any faculty, academic appointee, postdoctoral researcher, or staff member who is experiencing symptoms or has been identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19 may call the UChicago Medicine COVID-19 triage hotline for screening at 773.702.2800. Students should call UChicago Student Wellness at 773.834.WELL.
- **Report Positive Tests or Exposure:** Anyone who tests positive for or has knowingly been exposed to COVID-19 must contact C19HealthReport@uchicago.edu so health and safety of others in our facilities can be addressed.
- **Report COVID-19 Safety Concerns:** If you believe that a required COVID-19 safety policy or practice is not being followed, report the incident to your supervisor, academic leader, or via the [University of Chicago Accident Incident Reporting \(UCAIR\)](#).
- **Wear a Face Covering:** Cover your nose and mouth at all times in University buildings and on campus grounds when others are within 6 feet.
- **Wash Your Hands:** Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after you have been in a public place or touched surfaces often touched by others, and after blowing your nose, coughing, sneezing, or eating. If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- **Use Workspaces Safely:** Don't stand and talk over cubicles or enter another person's cubicle. Only one person should be in a private office at a time, unless 6 feet of distance can be maintained. Use only your own phone, computer, and other equipment. If you must share items, wipe items before and after use and wash your hands.
- **Move Safely:** Continue to stay at least 6 feet from others and wear your face covering as you move through hallways, corridors, and stairways. Avoid pausing to talk to passersby. If others are on an elevator before you get on and you cannot maintain 6 feet of distance, wait for the next elevator or consider taking the stairs.
- **Hold Meetings Safely:** Hold meetings using online collaboration tools (e.g., Zoom or Teams) when possible, even if attendees are on campus. If a meeting must take place in person, adhere to state and city limits on the number of people allowed to gather and maintain at least 6 feet of separation from one another throughout the meeting. All attendees must wear masks, and attendees should clean surfaces before leaving the meeting room.