



Effective August 9, 2021

Below are the University's current requirements and expectations for activities and behavior to keep our community healthy and safe. As part of these changes, Pitt will no longer be using the Operational Postures and Activity Area Plans. These rules are in effect until further notice, and are expected to be in place for at least the duration of the Fall 2021 semester. The University, through the Health Care Advisory Group (HCAG) and the COVID-19 Medical Response Office (CMRO), will regularly evaluate the conditions on our campuses and may change these rules if pandemic conditions change.

Health

- **Personal Hygiene.** Personal hygiene is a key element of mitigating the spread of illness and protecting yourself and others. Best practices regarding personal hygiene can be found [here](#).
- **Face Coverings.** Below are the face covering requirements for all campuses. Additionally, all community members are welcome to wear face coverings based on their own comfort levels and needs.
 - **Indoor Settings.** All individuals, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a face covering in campus buildings, except while eating or drinking in a designated dining area; when in an enclosed private, single occupancy space (e.g., private study room or private office); or when in their personal living space with members of their household or pod.
 - **Outdoor Settings.** Individuals who are not fully vaccinated and those who are immunocompromised or live with individuals who are immunocompromised should wear face coverings when outdoors when they are unable to maintain sustained physical distance of six feet from individuals who are not members of their residential cohort.
- **Containment measures.**
 - **Mandatory Routine Testing.** University members who have not provided proof of vaccination are required to participate in regular COVID-19 testing, as directed by the CMRO.
 - **Symptomatic Testing.** Testing is recommended for all individuals who exhibit COVID-19 symptoms, regardless of vaccination status and regardless of a known exposure.
 - **Isolation.** University members who receive a positive test result for COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status, are required to notify the University and must isolate as directed until medically cleared to resume circulating on campus.

- Students must inform their campus' student health office of their diagnosis.
- Employees must inform MyHeath@Work (412-647-4949) and their supervisor of their positive result.
- **Contact Tracing.** University members who are confirmed by a medical professional to have COVID-19 must report their diagnosis, as instructed above, and must provide names of close contacts so that contact tracing can be initiated to control the spread of COVID-19. Close contact is defined as within six feet of someone for more than 15 minutes, regardless of masking.
- **Quarantine.**
 - Fully vaccinated University members who are notified of close contact with an individual positive for COVID-19 are not required to quarantine, but should get tested 3-5 days after exposure and wear a mask in public indoor settings for 14 days or until they receive a negative test result.
 - Unvaccinated University members who are notified of close contact with an individual positive for COVID-19 or who have a COVID-19 positive individual in their household must quarantine away from others and should not circulate on campus or in public for 10 days.
- **Personal Protective Equipment.** Personal protective equipment (PPE), which includes specialized equipment like N95 respirators, surgical masks, gloves, and gowns, is only necessary for those University members who are told by their supervisor or instructor that PPE is required during the scope of their work, duty, or studies. PPE will not be required to engage in routine activities on campus and in campus facilities. Face coverings are not PPE, like surgical masks and N95 respirators. Requirements for face coverings are described above.
- **Illness.** To protect both their own health and the health of others, University members who are sick should stay home until their symptoms abate, especially if those symptoms are similar to those associated with COVID-19.

Travel

- University members may engage in professional and personal travel, but should be cognizant of pandemic conditions at their destination and along their route. Local conditions and rules inform the advisability of any travel.
- University members should follow [CDC guidelines for travel](#), including any travel-related quarantine. Further restrictions may also apply and must be adhered to, as determined by current guidance from the [Pennsylvania Department of Health](#), the [Allegheny County Health Department](#), or other county health departments applicable to the Home Campus. The University reserves the right to restrict or suspend business-related travel based on prevailing pandemic conditions.
- To provide travelers with assistance with travel itinerary changes, refunds, medical assistance and other issues in an environment in which COVID-19's impact on travel varies widely by region and country, all University business travel paid by the University

must be booked via [Concur](#) or [Anthony Travel](#), and the [University's Travel Card](#) must be used for all domestic and international travel expenses paid by the University. Travel expenses charged to personal credit cards will not be reimbursed unless the University Travel Card is not accepted by a vendor or the traveler presents evidence with their expense report that extenuating circumstances prevented access to Concur or the ability to contact Anthony travel. If a local vendor accepts only cash for a legitimate business expense, the traveler must submit a receipt in order to be reimbursed by the University.

- Domestic and international travel booked by other host institutions, and any in-travel itinerary changes made outside of Concur/Anthony Travel must be manually registered. [Visit this page for manual registration instructions.](#)
- **International Travel.**
 - In order to ensure University members' safety and expedite extraction, should that be necessary, every international business trip must be registered via the [Pitt International SOS \(ISOS\) portal](#). Booking via Concur/Anthony Travel automatically registers the traveler with ISOS; Registration with the [US Department of State STEP program](#) is also strongly encouraged.
 - Student travel abroad is governed by the policies of the [Pitt Global Experiences Office](#).
 - Additional information about international travel is available on the [Global Operations Support website](#).

Guests and Visitors

- **Registered Guests.**
 - The University of Pittsburgh campuses are closed to the general public, but open to University members and registered guests.
 - University members can register a guest [here](#).
 - Registered guests will receive a confirmation email that they are required to present, along with a photo ID, upon arrival on campus.
 - By arriving on campus, guests are agreeing to follow the health rules that the University has in place at the time and are affirming that they are not experiencing symptoms of COVID-19.
 - Guests in the residence halls are managed by a separate process. Please see [Student Affairs](#) for more information.
- **Vendors and Suppliers.** Guidelines specifically related to vendors and suppliers is available [here](#).
- **Academic Visitors.** Information about categories of Academic Visitors, and requirements related to their time on campus, is available [here](#).

Purchasing COVID-19 Mitigation Supplies

- PPE and specialized COVID-19 mitigation supplies for research or clinical use on the University's Pittsburgh campus that have been difficult to acquire during the COVID-19 pandemic are available through a centralized inventory managed by the DSS. PPE and

specialized COVID-19 mitigation supplies may be withdrawn from the DSS for research/clinical use only. Only departments/areas on the Pittsburgh campus may withdraw supplies from the DSS. Regional campus needs should be coordinated through each regional campus' central purchasing operations. Visit the [Purchase, Pay & Travel website](#) for more information.

- PPE and COVID-19 mitigation supplies for uses other than research or clinical use are available from several University-wide Contracted Suppliers through the PantherExpress System. Visit the [Purchase, Pay & Travel website](#) for more information.

Research

- **Fieldwork.** The safety of fieldwork depends heavily on local conditions (where the fieldwork is taking place), and fieldwork outside the researcher's campus county should only be initiated if local conditions warrant. Questions regarding feasibility or preapproval requirements for fieldwork should be directed to your Dean or Associate Dean for Research (ADR) and use the process your unit has previously used (lab director, department chair, dean's office). Fieldwork requiring international travel should adhere to COVID-19 Travel Recommendations by Destination.