

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY COVID-19 CAMPUS SAFETY RISK LEVELS

Exposure to the novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) in our campus setting depends on several factors, such as the duration and frequency of activity near others. Certain activities inherently require more than one individual to be within close proximity and require infection prevention measures be used to avoid exposure to oneself or other members of the campus community.

The information below categorizes four campus safety risk levels and is intended to assist faculty, staff and students in determining necessary controls.

NOTE: Maximizing physical distancing continues to be the most effective method to eliminate close contact acquired infections. Community Protection Supplies (CPS) and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) does not take the place of primary protective strategies, including physical distancing, frequent hand hygiene and staying off campus when sick, but rather is another layer of prevention. Visit [COVID-19 Health and Safety](#) for assistance and resources for assessing your individual campus safety risk and identifying appropriate safety control measures.

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LEVEL 1

Lowest Risk

Activities that can be performed away from campus, while remaining physically distanced.

- Learn and work from home.
- Nothing required.
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- Typical domicile cleaning.

LEVEL 2

Minimal Risk

Activities involving minimal contact with the visiting public and other campus community members. Activities that require intermittent close contact with others or the visiting public.

- Remaining more than six feet from others, with incidental bypassing within that proximity (i.e., in a hallway/stairwell).
- Use of a **facial covering** is required while inside any Seattle University facility and when conducting university sanctioned activities with others outside.
- Being within six feet from another person for less than 15 continuous minutes.*
- Frequently wash or sanitize your hands.
- No additional prevention planning requirements.
- University-provided enhanced cleaning and disinfection services. This includes frequent cleaning and disinfecting of high touch surfaces and common spaces.

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LEVEL 3

Moderate Risk

Activities requiring sustained/frequent close contact with others or the general public.

- Being less than six feet from another person for more than 15 continuous minutes* or for less than 15 continuous minutes* at a time, on a regular/frequent basis.
- The use of a **facial covering** is required while inside any Seattle University facility and when conducting university sanctioned activities with others outside.
- Promptly wash/sanitize hands before and immediately after the activity.
- Supervisor to evaluate if the task can be completed in a physically distanced manner. Identify safety procedures and best practices including the use of physical barriers and additional community protection supplies.
- University-provided enhanced cleaning and disinfecting services. Disinfect spaces before and/or after each use with university-provided sanitizing products (in offices, labs, studios, classrooms.)
- Shared equipment and tools must be cleaned prior to and after use.

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LEVEL 4

Higher Risk

Activities with a known potential for exposure to known or suspected sources of COVID-19.

- Performing aerosol-generating activities such as collecting potential COVID-19 specimens, handling potentially infectious material and medical waste in an uncontained manner or in high concentrations.
- Filtering respirators require a medical clearance and a fit test. (Consult the Research Integrity, Safety and Compliance Team).
- Powered air respirators do not require a medical clearance but have extensive training requirements.
- Fluid impervious gowns, eye protection and nitrile gloves required.
- Hand hygiene required before and immediately after interaction/activity.
- Supervisor to evaluate if the task can be completed in a physically distanced manner. Identify safety procedures and best practices including use of physical barriers and additional community protection supplies.
- Cleaning and disinfection procedures are established based on the unique location.
- Space users are required to disinfect the area before and after each use.
- Shared equipment and tools must be cleaned prior to and after use.

OTHER ACTIONS

Stay apprised of our campus [reopening expectations](#).

Perform the daily [Safe Start Health Check](#).

For more best practices guidance visit [Engage SU](#). Here you can access more than 50 health and safety educational modules. Perform the daily Safe Start Health Check.

MEASURES TO MAINTAIN PHYSICAL DISTANCING

- Default to remote learning and work activities when appropriate and authorized.
- Minimize any in-person meetings and adjust those that are necessary to ensure adequate social distancing.
- To allow adequate social distancing (six feet minimum) at all times and comply with occupancy limitations, Seattle University's Facilities Services is taking measures to ensure building occupant densities. Strategies being employed include but are not limited to:
 - Posting signage in common spaces (e.g., elevators).
 - Affixing signage and floor demarcations to prevent building flow choke points.
 - Staggering schedules and physical spacing of individual study areas and workstations.
 - Reconfiguring food service areas and other common areas to ensure physical distancing.
 - Instruct faculty, staff and students to maintain at least six feet of distance from each other, except staff may momentarily come closer when necessary to perform a needed task or activity.
- Minimize exposure between individuals through use of physical barriers where suitable distancing cannot be maintained.
- Occupied desks or individual workstations are separated by at least six feet or this is achieved through a rotational schedule.
- Stagger personnel breaks, in compliance with wage and hour regulations, to maintain adequate social distancing.
- Place tape or other markings at least six feet apart for line areas inside and on sidewalks at entrances with signs directing individuals to use markings to maintain adequate social distancing.