

Come Back, 'Cats Faculty/Staff Town Hall August 11, 2020



Testing

- No campuswide mandatory testing required at this time.
- Robust testing capability ready to deploy.
 - Lafene and BRI/VDL have testing capabilities.
- Testing/contact tracing will be conducted per our COVID-19 exposure protocol.





Working remotely

- Those who can work from home are encouraged to do so at least through the fall semester.
- Supervisors are expected to be flexible in accommodating work schedules during this time.
- Guidance available on COVID-19 website in the employees' section.





Readiness

- Building risk assessments have been conducted.
- Signage being posted.
- Cleaning and disinfecting supplies in place with guidance on use and frequency.
- Physical distancing and face coverings required.
- Buildings opened Aug. 10.





Readiness

- All indoor workspaces, classrooms, laboratories, study areas, dining facilities, reception areas and other common gathering spaces will be arranged to accommodate 6-feet physical distancing.
- Signage will be posted to reflect revised classroom capacity.
- Designated entrances and exits will be posted.
- Stairwells less than six-feet wide are designated as up or down stairs.

Please use the stairs whenever possible. If you are using the elevator, wear your face covering. Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer upon departing the elevator.

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Cleaning requirements for classrooms/offices

- Each college/division has a reopening plan that includes cleaning protocols for workspaces.
- Healthy classrooms are essential. Face coverings, physical distancing and enhanced cleaning are required.
 - Classes will end 5 minutes early to allow time for cleaning between class sessions.
 - Classes leaving will spray workspaces used and depart.
 - Arriving classes will wipe down used workspaces.



Cleaning requirements for classrooms/offices

- Technology in classrooms and labs will also be cleaned between classes.
- Training and guidance available on COVID-19 website.
- Departments can order cleaning and disinfecting supplies and face coverings through Facilities Storeroom.
 - Federal funds cover costs through 12/30.



Return To K-State Phases

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- Guiding Principles determine status of campuses.
 - Each phase determines gathering sizes.
 - Physical distancing, masks and other health precautions are required in all phases.
 - Triggers matrix will determine university status.
- Currently in Phase 3 of reopening plan.
 - Phase 3 allows for gatherings of up to 50 people with safety precautions mentioned above.
- Advancing or moving back to a particular phase will align with national and local requirements and guidance.

Student questions

- Should we move to all remote instruction, every effort will be made to keep our residence halls open, within safety guidelines.
- Mitigation practices (i.e. sending students home) will be determined from a public health standpoint.
- Should residence hall closure be warranted, we will strive to provide housing for students with demonstrated need.
- Students should plan to arrive at class on time to prevent hallway congestion.





Communications Plan

- Updated plans posted on the "Come Back, 'Cats website."
- Updates or changes in plans communicated via K-State Today.



Kansas State University is preparing for a safe return to campuses. This is an evolving situation and updates will be posted frequently.





Questions?

