

Teaching in the Time of COVID

All-Modes / Hybrid Instruction

All instructors should be prepared to have virtual students

- Students may be virtual for the entire semester or for a brief time if they are sick or under quarantine/ isolation
- The registrar will notify instructors if a student in your class was approved to be virtual for the semester

DLS/ITSS/CTLM developing resources to support hybrid classroom needs including:

- Demonstration sessions for classrooms with new technology (pending)
- Recorded faculty showcase for hybrid learning
- IT support for classroom technology
- Virtual Teaching Circle sessions and collaboration opportunities available for instructors who have students virtual for the entire semester
- Resources available on the departments' websites or contact DLS@arcadia.edu for information

Teaching

- Review university policies and expectations throughout the semester with your students
- Suggested syllabus language provided by the University
- Try out different types of masks to find the most comfortable one and incorporate a "mask break" into long classes (time for everyone to go outside and remove their mask)
- Establish if virtual learning is an option for students in your classes who are in quarantine, in isolation with minor/no symptoms, or symptomatic in need of testing

Maintaining Mask Requirements

- Ask individual to put on their mask/wear it correctly
- Direct the individual to go get a mask and then come back to class
- Not willing to wear a mask? Direct the individual to leave class and come back when willing to follow the policy
- Report serious policy violations to student affairs via student conduct process

Reducing Risk

- Use cohorts (groups that stay the same throughout the semester) for group work
- Move some classroom activities outdoors
- Spread out seating when possible
- Limit eating and drinking during class if possible to reduce mask removal
- Conduct some course related activities virtually
- Tip: Create a seating chart to aid in contact tracing

Contact Tracing and Positive COVID Tests

- Faculty will not be notified if a student tests positive for COVID but will be notified if a student has an approved prolonged absence from class, the same as pre-COVID
- A student may elect to share with you that they tested positive. You should complete the self-disclosure form to ensure Student Health Services is aware of the positive case.
- Close contacts of a positive case will be contacted by the Contact Tracing Team
- Having a positive case in your class does not mean you need to switch to virtual learning
- Based on CDC guidance, vaccinated close contacts do not need to quarantine but must wear a mask when around others and get tested 5 days post-exposure

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Frequently Requested Information

Classroom and Other Campus Spaces

- Campus spaces, including classrooms, will be at normal capacity (no social distancing)
- Use of campus spaces is not limited to specific groups or based on vaccination status
- Following University policies is a shared responsibility. In all settings you can remind individuals of the policies if they are not following those procedures. Within the classroom you can take additional steps to create a safe environment as described on the previous page.

Vaccination Status Knowledge

- You will not know the vaccination status of other individuals on campus unless they choose to share that with you.
- You do not need to know an individual's vaccination status in order to protect yourself against COVID-19. Ensure you are following recommended mitigation measures and encourage others to do the same.
- You should expect that there could be unvaccinated individuals in your classroom.
- Unvaccinated individuals are required to participate in weekly surveillance testing.

Risk Reduction

- Risk mitigation requires a layered approach and some aspects will fluctuate based on conditions on campus and in the surrounding area.
- Current measures on campus include ventilation of campus spaces based on CDC and EPA recommendations, reduced-capacity of dining spaces, enhanced cleaning after a positive case, required weekly surveillance testing of unvaccinated individuals, universal indoor masking, contact tracing, quarantine and isolation following CDC guidance, and required vaccination.

Guests

During COVID Operational Tier 1 guests are permitted on campus including lecturers and research participants. It is the responsibility of the Arcadia individual organizing the visitation to ensure the guest is following the guest procedures in the Health and Safety Plan.

Off Campus Activities

- Any domestic or international travel must adhere to the University's travel policies. Domestic travel policy is pending.
- Local travel is allowed and should follow Arcadia policies and local COVID measures of the travel destination

Resources

COVIDCareTeam@arcadia.edu
arcadia.edu/COVID

current as of 9/10/2021
