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Tulane University School of Medicine Workforce Update

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TULANE COVID-19



Safety For All Individuals Is A Guiding Principle In Our Buildings

Guidelines and protocols for our buildings are based on current CDC guidelines, as well as the directives of the Governor of Louisiana and the Mayor of New Orleans.

These guidelines have been reviewed by the University's Occupational Safety staff and the School of Medicine Tulane infectious disease experts.

Everyone must observe these protocols while in our buildings until further notice:

Face covering is required in all Tulane downtown buildings.

- In common areas such as lobbies, hallways, elevators and elevator lobbies, reception areas of offices/suites, classrooms, student study spaces, etc.
- In restrooms
- Individuals in private offices may choose to remove their face covering when alone.

Where at all possible maintain a 6-foot distance from others except when not physically possible, such as when you are:

- Passing persons in a narrow hallway or office
- Passing in a narrow room or restroom

The following requirements are for shared spaces in all our buildings:

- Meetings should be no more than 10 persons with appropriate spacing between persons.
- Stairwells will be marked for use as either Up or Down.
- Elevators will be marked for either 1- or 2-person occupancy and we will ask that everyone respect the guideline and wait for the next cab if the elevator is already occupied.
- Restrooms will be limited to no more than 1 or 2 persons at a time depending upon the size. Signs will be posted outside the restrooms.
- Hand sanitizer will be in building lobbies, elevator lobbies, outside some stairwells and other common areas.

For your safety, the cleaning schedule for buildings has been enhanced.

- High touch point areas such as restrooms, elevator buttons, and stairwell handrails will be wiped with disinfectant regularly. In high traffic areas, this may be as often as every 2 hours.
- Restrooms will be cleaned twice a day.
- If an office or area has a person who tests positive, the following actions will be taken:
 - If the space cannot be vacated for a long term, it will become quarantined and ServPro will be called to do a deep decontamination within an anticipated turnaround time of 2 hours.
 - If the space can be shut down, the internal Tulane cleaning team will re-sanitize the area within 3 days.

HOW DOES THIS AFFECT YOU?

We are asking that all students and residents observe these guidelines/protocols. That means wearing face covering, not getting on the elevator if there are already two persons, regularly sanitizing and washing your hands. If you do not have face covering, the school will provide it for you. However, we are recommending each person have several cloth masks that can be laundered and reused.

While formally this is to start on Monday May 18, we ask that you begin to observe these practices now.