

RETURN-TO-CAMPUS-ACTIVITY PLAN

Throughout this coronavirus pandemic of 2020, the LSU Health Sciences Center at New Orleans never closed its campus or ceased its operations in the City of New Orleans and the State of Louisiana. Instead, our team of dedicated, resourceful, and committed faculty, staff, and students engaged at the very front line of this battle to provide the medical care, academic training, and fundamental research vital to fighting COVID-19.

- On March 16, 2020, we transitioned to a remote work plan. Half of our employees are now working from home while the other half remain on campus performing essential functions in support of our mission.
- On the same day, we began a rapid transition to remote instruction across all six of our schools. As a result, our students are graduating as planned from our various health professions programs.
- In support of our students, our dorms stayed open along with our bookstore, dining facilities, and library.
- We have continued to provide critical medical care for COVID-19 and other patients, and have shared our medical expertise across the globe through numerous media engagements and scientific activities.
- We developed a comprehensive PPE repository and instituted PPE programs for essential employees.
- We launched multiple clinical trials investigating potential COVID-19 therapies and interventions.
- All research labs have remained open, with significant work ongoing in COVID-19 and other vital areas.
- During this challenging time, our physicians and scientists have been incredibly innovative, submitting 45 grant applications and 23 new invention disclosures, 16 of which are COVID-19 related.

We are so proud of all this activity in the midst of an overwhelming public health crisis, and so grateful to all the members of our LSU Health New Orleans community for their unshakeable commitment to the health, education, and well-being of the citizens of Louisiana and people around the world.

This Return-to-Campus-Activity Plan is phased to align with federal and state health and safety recommendations as well as the guidance of local and state officials. Phases will be implemented as certain public health milestones are achieved, with the goal of maintaining our critical academic, research, and healthcare services while mitigating the ongoing risk of disease resurgence and protecting the most vulnerable.

General Governing Guidelines for Return-to-Campus-Activity

- **Masks or cloth face coverings must cover the nose and mouth and are required for all persons on campus while in public spaces or when physical distancing is not possible. Medical grade surgical, N-95, and KN-95 masks should be reserved for health care providers in clinical settings.**
- **Physical distancing is required whenever possible, with separation of at least 6 feet from others.**
- **Building entrances will require an active ID card for door access.**
- **Regular sanitation of hands and surfaces will be expected and performed throughout the campus.**
- **COVID-19 testing and contact tracing protocols are being developed for implementation on campus.**
- **If you are feeling sick or have been exposed to COVID-19, please stay home, notify your supervisor, and use the online reporting system at <https://911.lsuhscc.edu/coronavirus/selfreporting.aspx>.**

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Governing Guidelines for Academic Programs:

- The academic calendar of the LSU Health Sciences Center at New Orleans differs from that of traditional undergraduate institutions, with many academic programs beginning in the summer months.
- Each School has developed and will communicate its plan for returning to on-campus academic activity. The plans will be posted to the website and may be updated as understanding of this virus evolves and more information becomes available.
- Each School will ensure appropriate measures for student health and safety. Such measures may include larger classrooms to allow for physical distancing, staggered days and times for orientation activities, shifts in the timing of course offerings, hybrid instruction methods, or other appropriate accommodations as necessary.

Note: Timing of each Return-to-Campus-Activity Phase below may be modified depending upon emerging public health conditions. Reversion to an earlier Phase may be required if cases consistently trend upward.

Phase 1: Gold – May 18 – June 5 or TBD, With Continued Decline in Key Metrics

- **Overview:** Certain employees who have been working from home will return to campus, as determined by their Supervisors and notified by May 15. Appropriate face coverings, hand sanitizing, and physical distancing practices will be required of all people working on campus.
- **Academics:** Each School has developed specific plans for return to campus academic activity and will communicate those plans directly with its faculty and students.
- **Student Services:**
 - Library, Bookstores, Technology & Scientific Supply Stores - Remain open with reduced hours
 - Registrar & Financial Aid - Remain open with reduced hours
 - Dining Services – Cafeteria will allow 25% seating capacity, with ongoing carry-out available
 - Student Housing - Remain opens to students, all non-LSU visitors are prohibited
 - Fitness Center – Remains Closed
- **Business Services and Institutional Support:** All Remain Open
 - Accounting Services, Payroll, Travel, Purchasing, Sponsored Projects
 - Property and Facilities, Operations, Maintenance, Custodial, Buildings
 - Information Technology Services
 - Human Resources
 - Mail and Receiving
- **Most campus events** will remain deferred and all large gatherings will remain cancelled, in accord with public health recommendations.

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Phase 2: Purple – Starts 21 Days After Phase 1, With Continued Decline in Key Metrics

- **Overview**: Additional employees who have been working from home will return to campus, as determined and notified by their Supervisors. Appropriate face coverings, hand sanitizing, and physical distancing practices will be required of all people on campus.
- **Academics**: Each School will communicate additional plans as needed with its faculty and students.
- **Student Services**:
 - Library, Bookstores, Technology & Scientific Supply Stores – Open, with reduced hours possible
 - Registrar & Financial Aid – Open, with reduced hours possible
 - Dining Services – Cafeteria will allow 50% seating capacity, with ongoing carry-out available
 - Student Housing - Open, with non-LSU visitors allowed as determined by the Chancellor
 - Fitness Center – May open at reduced capacity as determined by the Chancellor
- **Business Services and Institutional Support**: All Remain Open
 - Accounting Services, Payroll, Travel, Purchasing, Sponsored Projects
 - Property and Facilities, Operations, Maintenance, Custodial, Buildings
 - Information Technology Services
 - Human Resources
 - Mail and Receiving
- **Campus events and all large gatherings** are restructured in accord with public health recommendations.

Phase 3: Green – Starts 21 Days After Phase 2, With Continued Decline In Key Metrics

- **Overview**: All employees who have been working from home will return to campus. Appropriate face coverings, hand sanitizing, and physical distancing practices will be required of all people on campus. All campus buildings will be openly accessible.
- **Academics**: Each School will return to normal operations.
- **Student Services**: All Return to Full Service Hours and Normal Operations
- **Business Services and Institutional Support**: All Return to Normal Operations
- **Campus events and large gatherings** return to the calendar, with physical distancing and other appropriate public health and safety measures implemented, in accord with public health recommendations.