UTSD RESPONSE TO COVID-19:
PHASED REOPENING
May 15, 2020
Guidelines for All Phases

For safety wherever you are:

- Continue to practice good hygiene – clean your hands frequently with soap and water or hand sanitizer. Hand sanitizer is in place throughout UTSD. However, individuals are encouraged to bring additional hand sanitizer for personal use throughout the day.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Sneeze or cough into a tissue or inside your elbow.
- Disinfect frequently used items as often as possible.
- If you feel sick, stay home. Contact your health care provider for advice.
- Practice social distancing (remaining 6 feet apart).

For safety while in the SOD building:

- Mandatory COVID-19 screening for all prior to entering.
- Mandatory masks for all while inside the building in common/shared spaces or interacting with other individuals where social distancing cannot be maintained.
- Faculty or staff may work alone in their enclosed offices without wearing a mask.
- Staff and residents may work alone in their cubicles without wearing masks if social distancing can be maintained.
- If someone else enters office or cubicle space, masks must be worn by all parties if social distancing cannot be maintained.
- Adhere to social distancing while in classes, eating lunch, and moving throughout the building.
- Avoid gathering in groups.
- Main elevator usage limited to 1 person at a time, unless a minor or individual with special needs requires an additional person for support. Freight elevators at the east and west ends of the building may carry 2 people at a time, with proper social distancing.
- Take the stairs to travel between floors, observing social distancing.

What else will be different about our building?

- Building access for students: Only during scheduled in-person class times.
- Bookstore: The bookstore will be open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- Library: The Library & Learning Commons on the 4th floor will remain closed. If you need library resources, please contact Ms. Janet Peri.
- Places to study: Students are encouraged to study from home and should only be in the building during scheduled in-person class times.
- Conference rooms: Available for departmental/administrative use, observing social distancing.
- Signage: Expect to see new signage as we maintain social distancing.
- Food services: Will not be available during the summer, except for vending machines and snacks/drinks in the bookstore. Bring your own nonperishable food items.
- Places to eat for students: SOD 4310, 4330, and 4340, the Student Lounge, and the Cooley Center patio will be available for eating lunch. Everyone will be responsible for maintaining social distancing and for cleaning their space using available wipes after eating.
## Phase 1: March 23 – May 29, 2020

**Faculty and Staff**

- Follow [UTHealth guidelines](#) for working from home.
- Continue planning and preparing online curriculum for DDS and DH summer session, preclinical “catch up” from spring semester, and front-loading select courses from the fall semester.
- Take vacation time!

**Students and Advanced Education Residents**

- Engage in UTSD curricula via online education.
- Complete mandatory UTHealth campus screening questionnaire prior to returning to UTSD [UTHealth COVID-19 Screening Form](#).

**Education**

- Students and advanced education residents complete didactic portion of spring curriculum, virtual clinics, alternate competency assessments, and alternate pathways to graduation as applicable.
- Eligible DDS and DH students complete UTSD “check out” and graduate.

**Patient Care (March 23 – May 29)**

- The UTSD Consolidated Care Clinic and UTSD off-site clinics will provide emergent/urgent dental care through May 29 for patients of record.

**Research**

- Biomedical and other research laboratories begin gradual return to operations under [UTHealth guidelines](#).
- Clinical research resumes under UTHealth guidelines and in accordance with TSBDE regulations for patient care. Case-by-case review by Director of Clinical Research and Office of Patient Care. UTSD milestones and [Clinical Trials During COVID-19 Checklist](#) being developed.
## Phase 2: May 26 – July 17, 2020 (Summer Session)

### Faculty and Staff
- Phased-in return to work following [UTHealth guidelines](#).
- Only UTSD employees conducting essential activities should work in the building. All others should continue to work from home.
- UTSD administrative unit leaders and department chairs should determine who should work in the building and who should work from home, and convey information to their employees.
- Planning and preparation for the 2020-2021 academic year.
- Complete UTHealth wellness survey as it becomes available.

### Students and Advanced Education Residents
- Return to academic programs as directed by graduate program directors and Office of Student and Academic Affairs, following [UTHealth guidelines](#).
- Orientation and enrollment of incoming advanced education residents
- Complete mandatory UTHealth campus screening questionnaire prior to starting training at UTSD [UTHealth COVID-19 Screening Form](#).
- Eligible current advanced education residents complete UTSD “check out” and graduate at end of June (except Orthodontics, which is August).

### Education
- Summer session for DDS and DH students:
  - Didactic and virtual clinical curricula continue online.
  - Return to UTSD for preclinical labs and clinical simulation.
- WREB licensure examination for DDS/DH graduates (July 16-19).
- Part I National Board Dental Examination (DS2) and Part II National Board Dental Examination (DS3).
- Returning DS4 and DH2 students complete curricula and remediation.

### Patient Care (June 1 – TBD)
- The UTSD Consolidated Care Clinic and off-site clinics will continue providing emergent/urgent dental care, case completion, and case continuance for low-risk patients of record. Treatment provided by faculty and residents.

### Research
- Virtual Summer Research Program for students begins June 1.
- Biomedical and other research laboratories continue gradual return to full operations, maintaining social distancing and shift work as needed.
- Clinical research enrollment continues under UTHealth guidelines ([Clinical Trials During COVID-19 Checklist](#)) with oversight from Office of Patient Care.
## Phase 3: July 20 - Aug. 14, 2020

### Faculty and Staff
- Continue phased-in return to work as directed by administrative unit leaders and department chairs.
- Take vacation time!
- Prepare for the 2020-2021 academic year.

### Students and Advanced Education Residents
- Current DDS and DH students on break until orientation.
- Advanced education residents continue academic programs.
- Orientation for incoming DDS students (Aug. 11-13) and DH students (Aug. 12-13).

### Education
- Advanced education residents continue academic programs.
- PACE Center resumes providing in-person continuing education following UTSD/UTHealth guidelines.

### Patient Care
- To be determined based on assessment of patient care outcomes from Phase 2 and the status of COVID-19 at the local, state, and national levels.

### Research
- Biomedical and other research laboratories are fully operational following safety guidelines.
- Clinical research enrollment continues under UTHealth guidelines ([Clinical Trials During COVID-19 Checklist](Clinical Trials During COVID-19 Checklist)) and with oversight from UTSD Office of Patient Care.
**Phase 4: Aug. 17 – December 18 (Fall Semester)**

**Faculty and Staff**
- Continue phased-in return to work as directed by administrative unit leaders and department chairs.

**Students and Advanced Education Residents**
- Current DDS and DH students return to academic programs as directed by Office of Student and Academic Affairs, following [UTHealth guidelines](#).
- Advanced education residents continue academic programs.

**Education**
- Format of didactic courses and preclinical courses to be determined.

**Patient Care**
- Students and residents return to patient care, depending on regulatory guidelines and COVID-19 prevalence at the local, state, and national levels.

**Research**
- Biomedical and other research laboratories are fully operational following safety guidelines.
- Clinical research enrollment continues.