Return to Campus Guide for Temple Students

As in-person, on-campus operations resume at Temple University, it’s important that you have the information you need to return safely and to protect the health and safety of all members of the Temple community. Our knowledge and understanding of COVID-19 continues to evolve, and our policies and plans will be updated as more information becomes available. Temple’s operations must continue into the foreseeable future with a strong emphasis on public health measures that curb the risk of spreading COVID-19. Our goal is to protect the safety of our community through prevention, contact tracing and containment. You play a critical role in creating the safest possible campus environment as you continue your academic journey with us.

Our Goals

- **Safeguard lives**: Keeping individuals in and around the Temple community healthy and safe is our top priority.
- **Safeguard the institution**: Temple is devoted to its community and providing the resources necessary to learn. Protecting the institution means creating safe learning environments and connecting students with learning tools and support services.
- **Provide a quality education**: By safeguarding lives and the institution, we are able to continue to provide the quality education our students expect and deserve.

Given the unknowns still ahead of us, flexibility will be necessary for us to adapt as circumstances change. The cooperation, support and attention of all members of the Temple community are critical for success.

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Four Public Health Pillars

Life during a global pandemic necessitates a change in our behavior. As a community, we must rely on one another to create a safer environment and protect those who are most at risk. We want to provide the safest possible campus environment for our students, faculty and staff and all of our plans have been built on the foundation of the following four pillars of public health precautions.

1. **Use a face covering**: Face coverings must be worn on campus. Everyone is required to wear face coverings indoors. When you are outdoors, use is recommended along with physical distancing measures.

2. **Practice physical distancing**: Keep a minimum of six feet apart, or two arm’s lengths, from others at all times to minimize the chance of breathing droplets from an infected individual. Physical distancing is especially important during meal and break times.

3. **Practice hand hygiene**: Wash hands at least hourly with soap and warm water for at least 20 to 30 seconds. Use hand sanitizer, if available, between hand washings as needed. Hand sanitizer dispensers are available throughout campus.

4. **Monitor your health**: Check your temperature before coming to campus each day. If you have a temperature of 100.4 or greater or any of the other symptoms of COVID-19 listed below, do not come to campus, attend classes or participate in in-person activities. Contact Student Health Services at 215-204-7500 and notify your faculty that you are unable to attend class. Symptoms include
   - dry cough;
   - headache;

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● sore throat;
● congestion or runny nose;
● muscle or body aches;
● new loss of taste or smell;
● nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea;
● chills;
● out-of-the-ordinary fatigue; and/or
● shortness of breath or difficulty breathing.

These public health pillars will be in effect for all educational, work and common spaces on campus, regardless of intended use. Upholding these pillars is the personal responsibility of each individual on our campuses to minimize the spread of COVID-19. All staff, faculty, students and visitors are expected to fully comply with these four pillars and all of the policies outlined in this document.

**Building and Classroom Preparations**

In order to facilitate compliance with the above four pillars of public health precautions, Temple’s Office of Facilities Management and Environmental Health and Radiation Safety Departments are partnering with schools, colleges and administrative units to evaluate work spaces, classrooms and common areas. Together they are creating a risk assessment process and implementing strategies to facilitate compliance.
Look for signs in all campus buildings guiding you on how to enter, exit and move through spaces. It is important to observe all signs and to comply with the above four pillars of public health precautions. Enhanced building safety strategies include

- cleaning and disinfecting, using products approved by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Environmental Protection Agency;
- installing touchless hand sanitizer dispensers in lobbies, hallways and other common areas;
- installing plexiglass physical distancing barriers in direct customer service areas and security desks;
- installing floor decals and markings in high-traffic areas to direct foot traffic and encourage social distancing;
- installing signage to remind occupants of the need to comply with the four public health pillars;
- installing touchless features on faucets in common restrooms; and
- enhancing building ventilation, including the installation of upgraded HVAC filters for the best possible internal air quality.
Classrooms and other specialty teaching spaces (e.g., labs, studios) have been reviewed to establish new capacities based on six-foot physical distancing and will be set up in a manner that maintains distancing. It is important that students sit only in designated seats or work stations. Students, faculty or staff meeting in any common space, including classrooms, offices or meeting rooms, will be required to maintain a six-foot distance and wear a face covering.

**Special Considerations**

COVID-19 has brought with it new concerns that include both health and personal matters. If you have a health condition that requires reasonable accommodation, contact Temple’s Office of Disability Resources and Services for assistance at 215-204-1280. If you have personal circumstances that lead you to prefer a full or partial online course load for the fall 2020 semester, consult your academic advisor or academic program coordinator for assistance.

Temple is planning to offer classes in person, online and in a hybrid format for the fall. Students will be notified when updates to the fall 2020 schedule are available. **Please note:** Tuition and fees are set regardless of the method of instruction and will not be refunded in the event instruction occurs remotely for all or any part of the academic year.

**Student Health**

Monitoring your personal health is critical to minimizing risk to you and all members of our community, and Temple Student Health is available to help. Check your temperature daily and be aware of any new symptoms that are consistent with COVID-19. [An updated list of symptoms can be found on the CDC website.](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-tests/symptoms.html)

**Do not come to campus, attend classes or participate in in-person activities if you have any of these symptoms.** Contact Student Health Services at 215-204-7500, your healthcare provider, or the TUH COVID-19 triage hotline at 215-707-6999. If you develop any of these symptoms while on campus, report these symptoms to Student Health Services. Contact your faculty if you are unable to attend your classes or participate in class activities. More information about class attendance is below.

Student Health will ensure timely and appropriate contact with individuals who have been in close contact, [as defined by the CDC](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/contact-tracing/basic-information.html), with any COVID-19-positive campus members and provide those individuals with the information and direction they need to protect their health and safety.
Review the **Student Safety Protocol** in [TUportal](https://www.temple.edu/tuportal) for more complete information about student health.

**Attendance**

In order to address the health and safety needs of the university community, a **COVID-19 Class Attendance and Engagement Protocol** has been adopted and is available in [TUportal](https://www.temple.edu/tuportal). This protocol sets a standardized attendance policy across the university and accommodates students who are ill or are required to isolate during the semester. If you are exhibiting symptoms consistent with COVID-19, or have been in close contact with others who have symptoms and are engaging in self-quarantine at the direction of the Health Department or a healthcare professional, you should not attend in-person classes and will not be penalized for absences. If you are able, you may attend remote courses, but if you miss classes or activities, you will not be required to provide formal documentation from your healthcare provider.

If you are unable to attend an in-person class or course activity due to illness, or are unable to participate in an online class or course activity, you should notify your instructor in advance and call Student Health Services at 215-204-7500. You should keep up with your coursework as much as possible and work with your instructors to reschedule any synchronous exams, labs and other critical activities. Though increased flexibility will be granted, course assessments such as assignments, tests and exams must be completed for learning goals to be reached.

Faculty will be required to record attendance for each in-person or synchronous class using an online attendance system. This is to facilitate contact tracing if a student or instructor tests positive for COVID-19.

The attendance protocol relies on the honor and good faith of all university community members. It requires you to report your absences truthfully and in a timely fashion, and it requires instructors to trust the word of their students when they say they are ill.

**Stay Informed**

You will receive regular updates from the university regarding health and safety measures, university policy and procedures, and other information relevant to COVID-19 and return to campus planning. Visit [temple.edu/coronavirus](https://www.temple.edu/coronavirus) and use the [TUportal](https://www.temple.edu/tuportal) Return to Campus tab to stay informed.

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We look forward to a safe return to normal campus operations. As we transition to on-campus operations, we are committed to keeping you and all members of our community safe, healthy and informed.