

## **FAQS - COVID-19 Policy Questions Effective May 24, 2021**

University Coronavirus Information can be found [here](#).

### Mask guidelines for Spring and Summer Terms

Masks are still required for in person teaching in an indoor classroom during Spring Term. Classes held outside do not need to require masks. Summer Term guidelines will be determined at the start of term.

Masks are not required for most research activities, however, use of masks for research activities can still be required at the discretion of the faculty supervisor.

Masks are required for students and faculty who are producing food for consumption.

Disposable masks will continue to be required in animal vivariums as a PPE requirement.

BYU encourages individuals who are not fully vaccinated to wear a mask when physical distancing cannot be maintained.

Disposable face masks may be purchased at the Life Sciences Stockroom (1100 LSB).

### Travel guidelines

Individuals who are able to provide documentation of vaccination to their supervisor can resume domestic travel under normal conditions following all travel approval processes.

Individuals who are not vaccinated or who do not want to disclose their vaccination status may be required to participate in COVID-19 testing before a travel request can be granted. The cost of the testing is to be covered by the sponsoring department. International travel still requires special approval.

COVID-19 testing (before and after travel) will be required for all individuals who are not vaccinated or who choose not to disclose their vaccination status and are traveling outside of the State of Utah or traveling to a county in Utah that is categorized as high transmission in the week prior to travel (see [coronavirus@ut.gov/case-counts](mailto:coronavirus@ut.gov/case-counts)). An individual who has had a positive COVID-19 result within 90 days of proposed travel will not need to have COVID-19 testing done prior to travel.

- Same-day travel: Vaccination status for each person should be documented by the supervisor on the travel roster or travel memo sent to the department for approval. Approval for individuals who are not vaccinated or who do not want to disclose their vaccination status will require additional approval from the Dean's office. If COVID-19 testing is required, then approval must also be given by the International Vice President's Office (IVP). Masks are not required for same-day travel in a university vehicle for individuals who are fully vaccinated. Masks are required to be worn by

approved individuals traveling with approval in a university vehicle who are unvaccinated or have not disclosed their vaccination status.

- Overnight travel: It is the responsibility of the individual who is submitting a trip authorization plan for domestic overnight travel to provide documentation of vaccination status to their supervisor. Individuals who are not fully vaccinated or individuals who choose not to disclose their vaccination status must get approval from BYU's Domestic Travel Group ([domestictravelgroup@byu.edu](mailto:domestictravelgroup@byu.edu)) before travel approval will be granted. Individuals may also be subject to the university COVID-19 testing protocol as outlined above. Supervisors should attach the vaccination disclosure documentation to the trip authorization in BYU's Chromeriver.byu.edu travel system.
- Supervisors should not require vaccination or pressure faculty, staff, or students to disclose vaccination status for domestic travel approval. Instead, they should inform faculty, staff, or students of the option to follow testing protocols or disclose that they are vaccinated.
- Vaccination documentation must be submitted with each travel request. Departments and supervisors cannot maintain a list of student or employee vaccination records.
- Employees and students will follow all state and local health guidelines imposed by the destination jurisdiction and/or airlines.

#### Conference Rooms

Conference rooms will maintain reduced seating capacity to allow for physical distancing. We ask everyone to strictly follow the reduced limits and not add chairs, use furniture not designated for the current capacity, or apply other creative work arounds. If your group exceeds the reduced room capacity, please find another location.

LSB conference rooms will be open for normal scheduling and use with adherence to adjusted capacities.

#### Cleaning of classrooms, labs, conference rooms, vehicles, etc.

Cleaning of desks, tables, work benches, lab equipment, vehicles, etc. should still take place before each use.

#### Physical distancing in teaching and research labs

Physical distancing should be followed whenever possible. Supervisors can require students to show a green indicator on the “Daily Checkup” passport screen of the Healthy Together app for teaching labs and research activities where physical distancing is hard to maintain.

Workspaces and lab areas should maintain the current physical distancing practices in place.

#### Events and visitors

Campus events may be planned and scheduled according to pre-pandemic processes and current BYU policies.

Visitors and volunteers are allowed on campus according to pre-pandemic BYU policies. Visitors and volunteers need to abide by current BYU COVID-19 policies.