

As we begin a new academic year, it is important for everyone to understand our current COVID-19 situation and policy changes. The OU-Tulsa COVID-19 Response Plan will be updated with this information soon, but we wanted to share this new information with you more quickly.

New updates to the guidelines include:

Masking and Mask Guidance - Effective Until Further Notice

Cloth masks are no longer permitted in any indoor OU-Tulsa facilities.

Because of the high likelihood that OU-Tulsa faculty, staff, students, trainees, and volunteers will interact with patients or health care providers, even in non-patient care areas, OU-Tulsa faculty, staff, students, trainees, and volunteers must wear paper surgical or KN95 masks (or N95s, as appropriate to their assigned duties) in **all indoor OU-Tulsa facilities**

Paper surgical masks are available in all buildings at the main entrances; if you notice a main entrance supply is low, please email TulsaSA@ou.edu to restock. Non-clinical managers may continue to request masks for individuals in their areas by completing this [online form](#) with OU-Tulsa Student Affairs. Please ask patients and visitors to comply with this updated policy as well. Please note that both paper surgical and KN95 masks should be used for no more than one week.

In-Person Meetings, Events, and Classes - Effective Through at least January 31

- Where possible, in-person meetings should be replaced with electronic meetings (e.g., Zoom, Teams) or conference calls. When in-person meetings are necessary, masks are required, food may not be served, and social distancing is recommended.
- At this time, there are no requirements for social distancing for classes or meetings.
- In-person campus events at OU-Tulsa scheduled for January and deemed essential by the college or department must be sent to Tracy Kennedy and Josh Davis (tkennedy@ou.edu and Joshua-Davis@ouhsc.edu) for consideration, and may need to be referred to the HSC EOC for final approval.
- Food is not permitted at indoor events; food may only be provided as take-away as guests leave.
- Faculty are asked to be flexible in addressing the needs of students who are quarantining due to COVID. While this may include providing electronic access to live or recorded lectures at the faculty member's discretion, faculty should not move in-person courses to a fully online format without direction from their dean.

Remote Work - Effective Through January 31

Managers may offer remote work options where possible and appropriate, particularly for employees who are quarantining due to COVID. Continuity of business operations is essential, and service to our students and patients should remain a priority. Approval for January remote or hybrid work arrangements is at the discretion of the supervisor and will not require HR approval at this time.

Other Reminders

- If you have been exposed to someone who is positive for COVID-19, you are exhibiting symptoms consistent with COVID-19, or you have tested positive for COVID-19, you must complete the [online screening and reporting tool](#). You will almost immediately receive instructions regarding whether or not you are cleared to return to campus. If not immediately cleared to return, please remain off campus and wait for a call from one of our Student/Employee Health team members within 24 hours of form submittal.
- For questions or any additional information, please contact Tracy Kennedy (tkennedy@ou.edu) or Josh Davis (Joshua-davis@ouhsc.edu).