

Academic Calendar

PACS is following the original semester start and end dates on the [PACS academic calendar for 2020-21](#), except as noted on the [Spring 2021 course schedule](#).

Courses, Practicum, and Activities

Except as noted on the [Spring 2021 course schedule](#), plans are in place to begin classes and practicum in person.

Technology

All students are required to have a personal laptop. Please see the [PACS Student Handbook](#) for specifics. PACS has several laptops available to loan on a short-term basis for faculty or students who need a temporary solution.

Zoom Etiquette

For all PACS activities, including classes, held via Zoom, professional etiquette is expected at all times. Some general guidelines include:

- Video should be enabled for the duration of class.
- Find a quiet location where you can participate in the class undisturbed. (No driving during class, please!)
- Be sure to minimize distractions during class (e.g., please refrain from eating, or having pets or visitors on video).
- Your microphone should be muted if you're not speaking.
- If needed, use appropriate virtual backgrounds. Some are available [at this link](#).

Return to Campus Requirements

- Before returning to campus, **all students and employees** must complete the *Return to Campus – COVID-19* training module in [Learn@Work](#).
- Before returning to campus, **all students** must complete the *WUSM Return to Campus Module* in [Canvas](#).

Daily Screening Requirements

All students and employees must do one of the following each day before reporting to campus:

1. Complete the online screening process at <https://screening.wustl.edu/> and receive a green check mark. If there is another result (yellow or red), do not report to campus; the screening site will provide further instructions.
2. Present yourself at a screening location on the medical campus. Locations [can be found here](#).

Please allow yourself sufficient time to complete the daily screening requirements prior to reporting to campus. Proof of successful screening may be required and should be available for inspection.

Visitors

Visitors are allowed only for activities where it is essential to the educational mission. The name of the visitor, date of his/her visit, and purpose for the visit should be submitted in advance to pacs@wustl.edu. Visitors will be required to complete the online screening at <https://visitorscreening.wustl.edu/Screen> and check in with the receptionist on the 2nd floor of the CID-R building before being allowed access to the facility. Visitors will be required to follow the same guidelines related to masks, physical distancing, and personal hygiene as students and employees.

Clinic and Research Guidelines

Student participation in University research activities will be determined by the [Guidance for Researchers on COVID-19](#) and [Clinical Guidelines](#). The clinical guidelines for students at non-WUSM clinical sites may differ and students should follow the site's guidelines.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

The [guidelines posted on the Health & Safety page](#) related to masks, physical distancing, and personal hygiene should be followed at all times. Masks must be cloth or surgical/isolation masks.

PACS will provide the following:

- **Students:** one cloth mask and one clear mask; one face shield for AuD students placed at a WUSM site
- **Employees/Instructors:** one cloth mask and face shield

Sites should provide PPE for students during clinical/teaching placements. The site should notify PACS if they are unable to provide required PPE and PACS will provide the necessary items to the student.

Space Usage and Occupancy

Occupancy limits and general guidelines (including entrance and exit doors) for the PACS shared spaces will be posted outside each room and should be followed at all times. Congregating should be avoided and instructors should take care to not run past the scheduled end time for class. Space may only be used for activities essential to the educational mission and must be requested/approved in advance by a Program Director.

Cleaning and Disinfecting Protocol for Shared Spaces

PACS shared spaces include classrooms, lab, and student lounge. Cleaning protocols for these spaces [can be found here](#). In addition, disinfectant wipes will be provided so that shared spaces and equipment can be wiped down before and after each use. Hand sanitizer and facilities for hand washing will also be available in the building.

Disposable microphone covers will be provided in the Clark Learning Center for the lavalier microphone and these should be changed at the **beginning** of each class.

Study Space/Reserving Space

Information on study space on the medical campus is available on the [PACS Covid-19 page](#).

Student/Group Activities

All student organization and other group activities should be held remotely until further notice, including meetings, educational activities, social events, and fundraising. We encourage students to utilize Zoom for group meetings and activities, to the extent possible. In-person activities will only be allowed if (1) meeting in person is required to meet an educational or similar objective, (2) a request has been submitted and approved by a Program Director in advance, and (3) all COVID-related policies and procedures are followed.

Food and Drinks

Communal food and drinks may not be served during PACS activities. When meals are offered for PACS activities, boxed food and pre-packaged drinks will be provided. Food should only be consumed in spaces where physical distancing (>6 feet) can be maintained at all times. Congregating meals should be avoided.

Exposure, Symptoms, and Testing

COVID-19 testing is not required before returning to campus unless otherwise indicated by Student Health (students) or Occupational Health (employees). If you feel sick or think you may have been exposed to COVID-19, do not come to campus – call the appropriate number below; if you live in The Core, self-quarantine until you receive further instructions from Student Health. You may also call the COVID-19 hotline at (314) 362-5056 from 8:00 am-4:30 pm, Mon-Fri, or 8:00 am-12:30 pm, Sat-Sun.

Students – call Student Health	(314) 362-3523
Employees – call Occupational Health	(314) 362-3528

For individuals interested in getting tested independently, a list of local testing sites is available at: <https://www.stlouis-mo.gov/covid-19/data/test-locations.cfm>

Compliance and Reporting Concerns

Compliance with University and PACS COVID-19 policies and procedures is required for all employees and students, both as a matter of safety and of professionalism. Non-compliance may result in disciplinary action, which may include suspension or termination of the individual's role with the University. Furthermore, all individuals are expected to take reasonable precautions outside of their University role to protect their own health and safety, which then helps protect their colleagues and patients/students. Employees and students may report concerns to the PACS Office or to a Program Director, in person or via email, or via available HR options.

For more information, please see the [Learner Reentry Guidelines](#).