COVID-19 Policies and Procedures
https://covid19.wustl.edu/

For academic year 2021-22

Updated August 19, 2021

Academic Calendar
The PACS Academic Calendar for 2021-22 can be found here.

Courses, Practicum, and Activities
Except as noted on semester course schedules, classes, practicum, and other activities will be in person.

Vaccination Requirements
Starting Fall 2021, all Washington University students and employees will be required to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Students must be fully vaccinated before they arrive on campus for the start of orientation.

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.

Masking Requirements
Effective 7/26/2021, masks are again required at indoor gatherings for everyone, regardless of vaccination status or the size of meeting/gathering. Masks will continue to be required in all public (e.g., classrooms, hallways, lobbies) and clinical spaces and will be encouraged, but not required, for outdoor activities. Masks are not required inside a private office or room with the door closed.

Instructors can visit Masking Alternatives for Instruction for more information on allowable teaching options.

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, as available, masks and clear masks for students, staff, and instructors. Instructors will be provided with a face shield, if requested. 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.
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.

**Distancing**
Fully-vaccinated individuals do not need to maintain 6-foot physical distancing requirements in non-clinical spaces. Individuals who are not fully vaccinated should continue to maintain 6-foot distancing.

**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](#).
- Use your preferred first name and last name; consider adding your pronouns.

**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 pacswustl.edu. Visitors will be required to complete the online screening at [https://visitorscreening.wustl.edu/Screen](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.

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

**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.
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.

**Student/Group Activities**
Classroom, clinical, and lab-based activities that are strictly for the purpose of achieving the required learning objectives and competencies of a program or the required work of the lab/program do not require approval, but must conform to screening, social distancing, capacity, and masking requirements in place at the time of the event. WUSM-associated events that are social, well-being, celebratory, or similarly-oriented and planned as in-person events, whether on or off campus, must be approved in advance by the PACS Office to ensure compliance with requirements in place at the time of the event.

**Food and Drinks**
Food and drinks may be consumed in the following locations:
- At outdoor events
- In campus dining locations where seats are pre-positioned for appropriate physical distancing
- In any non-private indoor space, fully-vaccinated people may eat together in small groups, but must maintain at least 6-foot distancing to other individuals or groups. Individuals who are not yet fully vaccinated should continue to maintain 6-foot distancing from all others when eating or drinking, regardless of setting.
- In any private indoor space when alone

When food is offered for PACS-sponsored activities (including student organization activities on campus), boxed food and pre-packaged drinks will be provided for taking away and consumption. In settings and situations where masking is required, brief sips of drinks are allowed with the expectation that masks are immediately brought back up after each sip.

**Exposure, Symptoms, and Testing**
If you feel sick or think you may have been exposed to COVID-19, do not come to campus – call the appropriate number below.

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**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.