



PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE ON COVID-19 SAFETY

Effective Date: August 5, 2021

To the LSU Community:

This directive is for the collective safety of the campus community and will stay in place until cancelled by a subsequent Presidential Directive. As part of the effort to protect and promote the health and safety of the university, the following protocols must be followed by the entire campus community. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

COVID-19 Testing

All students attending on-campus classes, residing in residential housing, or participating in campus activities will be required to provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken within 5 days prior to arrival on campus. Alternatively, students may provide proof of vaccination or a positive test in the last 90 days to opt-out.

Students who are not vaccinated will be required to get tested periodically throughout the semester. Testing may be required more frequently for students living in Residential Housing.

Face Covering

Face coverings over the mouth and nose shall be properly worn indoors at all times. In addition, face coverings are required outdoors within 50 feet of entrances to buildings.

Physical Isolation/Quarantine¹

The following isolation and quarantine protocols are mandated for everyone in the campus community:

¹ Isolation refers to separating people infected with SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, from people who are not infected. Quarantine refers to keeping someone who might have been exposed to COVID-19 away from others.

For confirmed asymptomatic or symptomatic positive infection, individuals must isolate for at least 10 days from the date of the positive test. Individuals may return to campus after day 11.

If an individual has close contact with someone who is confirmed positive for COVID-19 (close contact is fifteen minutes or more within six feet):

- Unvaccinated individuals will quarantine for 10 days unless they receive a positive test, at which point they will move to isolation.
- Vaccinated individuals who have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 are not required to quarantine. However, they should get tested 3-5 days after exposure, even if they do not have symptoms. Vaccinated individuals should also wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days following exposure or until they receive a negative test result. They should isolate for 10 days if they receive a positive test result.

If at any point during the semester a student needs to quarantine, they should contact the faculty member for each of their classes and let them know they are in quarantine. The faculty member should provide the coursework so that the student does not fall behind.

Daily Symptom Checker

Students and employees physically coming to LSU's campus are required to complete a daily symptom checker. The symptom checker facilitates self-monitoring and reporting of COVID-19 symptoms, COVID-19 test results, and possible close contacts with other individuals who test positive for COVID-19.

If an individual completes the daily symptom checker and subsequently receives a positive test result or is identified as a close contact later in the same day, the individual must return to the symptom checker and submit it again with updated information.

In-person Meetings and Events

- All in-person attendees will be required to follow CDC guidelines for physical distancing and personal hygiene.
- Face coverings are required for all indoor events.
- A list of attendees must be maintained and available upon request.
- For indoor events exceeding 100 people, capacity should be limited to 50% of total occupancy as determined by the venue managers.
- If groups are unable to find appropriate space, the meeting or event will need to be held in a virtual or hybrid environment.

Classroom Meetings

Faculty teaching class sections with 100 or more students may opt for a hybrid format where only 50% of students are in the classroom each day during peak infection periods. When infection rates decline significantly for two consecutive weeks, all large classes resume full classroom occupancy.

Food and drink are prohibited in the classrooms.

For classrooms with more than 250 students, additional training will be provided for instructional faculty to help ensure classroom safety. Event management staff will be retained and strategically located to facilitate classroom mask enforcement.

Accommodations

Some students will not be able to wear a mask and/or other face coverings due to medical constraints. Students should contact the Office of Disability Services to properly document their limitations and determine a plan for accommodation.

Similarly, faculty and staff who have a medical issue preventing the use of a face covering should complete the forms in a "Request Packet due to COVID" for workplace accommodations. Those forms are available on the [ADA website](#) within the Office of Civil Rights & Title IX and should be submitted to the ADA Coordinator (instructions in the packet).

Enforcement

Students who fail to comply with this directive will be referred to the Office of Student Advocacy & Accountability for violating the Code of Student of Conduct (10.2.I). Employees failing to comply with this directive may be referred to the Office of Human Resource Management for discipline.