



INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION RESTART LOUISIANA

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COVID-19 Guidance



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	Phase 1	Phase 2/Modified Phase 2	Phase 3
Principles	Institutional plans to -Monitor, test, isolate -Adjust class structures to accommodate physical distancing -Provide hand sanitizer stations in buildings wherever possible -Have a cleaning and disinfection plan in place -Utilize technology to prevent oversized gatherings	Institutional plans to -Monitor, test, isolate -Adjust class structures to accommodate physical distancing -Provide hand sanitizer stations in buildings wherever possible -Have a cleaning and disinfection plan in place -Utilize technology to prevent oversized gatherings	Institutional plans to -Monitor, test, isolate -Adjust class structures to accommodate physical distancing -Provide hand sanitizer stations in buildings wherever possible -Have a cleaning and disinfection plan in place -Utilize technology to prevent oversized gatherings
Personal Health Checks	Students and staff continue to check health (fever, signs of illness) throughout Phase 1 and stay home if sick	Students and staff continue to check health (fever, signs of illness) throughout Phase 2 and stay home if sick	Students and staff continue to check health (fever, signs of illness) throughout Phase 3 and stay home if sick
Group Sizes	25% of capacity of room/venue, with physical distancing	50% of capacity of room/venue, with physical distancing	50% of capacity of room/venue, with physical distancing and a maximum of 250 people
Masks	Cloth masks required	Cloth masks strongly recommended	Cloth masks required based on state and/or local ordinances



INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – HEALTH PROTOCOLS



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	Phase 1	Phase 2/Modified Phase 2	Phase 3
Students, Faculty and Staff	Physical distancing in public/common areas	Physical distancing in public/common areas	Physical distancing in public/common areas
High-Risk students, faculty and staff OR with high-risk household members	Continue remote courses/telework Limited public interactions with cloth mask and physical distancing	Continue remote courses/telework Public interactions permitted with cloth mask and physical distancing	Continue remote courses/telework until statewide or national guidelines change Public interactions permitted with cloth mask and physical distancing
Outside Community/Visitor	Closed to the Public	Closed to the Public, if possible	Limited with physical distancing Required usage of cloth masks.



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INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – CLEANING PROTOCOLS



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Follow CDC Guidelines for cleaning protocols in each phase	<p>Strict environmental cleaning of all buildings</p> <p>Enhanced cleaning of common areas</p>	<p>Shared classroom space must be cleaned daily</p> <p>Recommend having cleaning wipes available for student, faculty, and staff use. This will allow students to wipe seat and area before leaving class.</p> <p>High touch areas in common areas and bathrooms cleaned multiple times a day (e.g. door handles, sinks)</p>	<p>Shared classroom space must be cleaned daily</p> <p>Recommend having cleaning wipes available for student, faculty, and staff use. This will allow students to wipe seat and area before leaving class.</p> <p>High touch areas in common areas and bathrooms cleaned multiple times a day (e.g. door handles, sinks)</p>



INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – INSTRUCTIONAL PROTOCOLS



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Lectures	<p>Online Summer School</p> <p>If face-to-face classes offered, then 10 or fewer (or 25% room capacity) with physical distancing</p>	<p>50% of classroom capacity, with physical distancing</p> <p>In larger classes with stationary seats, mark the seats students can use</p> <p>Develop plans to minimize number of students in hallways and common areas between classes.</p>	<p>50% of classroom capacity, with physical distancing and no more than 250 people</p> <p>In larger classes with stationary seats, mark the seats students can use</p> <p>Develop plans to minimize number of students in hallways and common areas between classes.</p>
Labs & CTE	<p>Essential coursework:</p> <p>Limit 10 and under or 25% capacity of the room size</p> <p>Physical distancing between students</p> <p>Enhanced cleaning between classes</p>	<p>Active</p> <p>50% capacity of the room size</p> <p>Physical distancing between students</p> <p>Enhanced cleaning of Lab and CTE space.</p>	<p>Active</p> <p>75% capacity of the room size with physical distancing</p> <p>Enhanced cleaning of Lab and CTE space</p>
Field work/internships	<p>Active, with physical distancing</p>	<p>Active, with physical distancing</p>	<p>Active, with physical distancing</p>
Computer Labs/Library	<p>Limited: physical distancing between computer stations and enhanced cleaning daily</p>	<p>Physical distancing between computer stations and enhanced cleaning daily</p> <p>Student cleaning protocol between computer users, wiping before and after use</p>	<p>75% capacity</p> <p>Physical distancing between computer stations and enhanced cleaning daily</p> <p>Student cleaning protocol between computer users, wiping before and after use</p>



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INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – QUARANTINE GUIDANCE



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Quarantine Length	At least 14 days after exposure.	CDC recommends a quarantine of 14 days. However, based on local circumstances and resources, the following options to shorten quarantine are acceptable alternatives. Quarantine can end on day 7 after receiving a negative test result or on day 10 without testing. After stopping quarantine, watch for symptoms until 14 days after exposure.	CDC recommends a quarantine of 14 days. However, based on local circumstances and resources, the following options to shorten quarantine are acceptable alternatives. Quarantine can end on day 7 after receiving a negative test result or on day 10 without testing. After stopping quarantine, watch for symptoms until 14 days after exposure.



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INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – RESEARCH PROTOCOLS



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	Phase 1	Phase 2/Modified Phase 2	Phase 3
On-campus labs	Partially open with physical distancing and cloth masks 25% capacity and enhanced cleaning	Open with physical distancing and cloth masks, if able 50% capacity and enhanced cleaning	75% of capacity with physical distancing, cloth masks, and enhanced cleaning
Field/On-Location	Essential only. Limited to car-based travel	Priority research only, unless state guidance changes.	Priority research only, unless state guidance changes.
Human Subjects	No face-to-face and essential only unless COVID-19 related research	When possible, follow public health guidelines, including cloth masks and physical distancing.	When possible, follow public health guidelines, including cloth masks and physical distancing, until statewide or national guidelines change



INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – STUDENT SERVICES



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	Phase 1	Phase 2/Modified Phase 2	Phase 3
<p>Residential Protocols</p> <p>In all phases: Educational signage about health and safety practices displayed</p>	<p>Dorms: Limited access for those students who cannot travel home</p> <p>Continue isolation/quarantine locations on campus</p> <p>Disinfect common areas and bathrooms regularly</p> <p>Physical distancing protocols strictly enforced</p> <p>Limit dorm access to residents only; no outside casual visitors</p>	<p>Dorms: Recommended single occupancy</p> <p>If single occupancy is not possible, then IHEs need to provide a space to isolate and quarantine. If one student tests positive for COVID-19, CDC still recommends a quarantine period of 14 days. If the roommate or student is exposed to COVID-19, quarantine can end on day 7 after receiving a negative test or on day 10 without testing. After stopping quarantine, watch for symptoms until 14 days after exposure.</p> <p>Disinfect common areas and bathrooms regularly, concentrating on high touch areas like door handles and sinks.</p> <p>For dorms with shared hallway bathroom space, enhanced cleaning</p> <p>Allow only residents in dorms. Limit external student presence</p>	<p>Dorms: Normal occupancy</p> <p>If single occupancy is not possible, then IHEs need to provide a space to isolate and quarantine. If one student tests positive for COVID-19, CDC still recommends a quarantine period of 14 days. If the roommate or student is exposed to COVID-19, quarantine can end on day 7 after receiving a negative test or on day 10 without testing. After stopping quarantine, watch for symptoms until 14 days after exposure.</p> <p>Disinfect common areas and bathrooms regularly, concentrating on high touch areas like door handles and sinks.</p> <p>For dorms with shared hallway bathroom space, enhanced cleaning</p>



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	Phase 1	Phase 2/Modified Phase 2	Phase 3
Dining Protocols	<p>Limited access for students still on campus</p> <p>Primarily carry-out</p> <p>Physically distant seating at 25% space capacity</p> <p>Hand sanitizing stations upon entrance</p>	<p>Dine-in and carry-out</p> <p>Physically distant seating at 50% capacity</p> <p>Stagger eating time to limit large numbers of congregating students</p> <p>When possible, hand sanitizing stations upon entrance</p>	<p>Dine-in and carry-out</p> <p>Physically distant seating at 75% capacity</p> <p>Stagger eating times to limit large numbers of congregating students</p> <p>When possible, hand sanitizing stations upon entrance</p>
Student Events	Limited to 25% capacity of venue size with physical distancing and masks, if able	Limited to 50% capacity of venue size with physical distancing	Limited to 50% capacity of venue size with physical distancing, maximum 250 people
Student Health Centers	<p>Operational as campuses reopen</p> <p>Telehealth appointments still available</p>	Open with safety precautions	Open with safety precautions.
Water Fountains	Encourage use of individual water bottles. Prevent usage of shared space water fountains. Acceptable to use mounted bottle filling stations.	Encourage use of individual water bottles. Prevent usage of shared space water fountains. Acceptable to use mounted bottle filling stations.	Encourage use of individual water bottles. Prevent usage of shared space water fountains. Acceptable to use mounted bottle filling stations.
Elevators	Cloth mask with physical distancing on all campus elevators. Number of people on the elevator is dependent on the size of elevator.	Cloth mask with physical distancing on all campus elevators. Number of people on the elevator is dependent on the size of elevator.	Cloth mask with physical distancing on all campus elevators. Number of people on the elevator is dependent on the size of elevator.



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Student Unions/Common Areas	<p>Strict physical distancing in public/common areas</p> <p>Enhanced cleaning protocols</p>	<p>Physical distancing in public/common areas</p> <p>Enhanced cleaning protocols</p>	<p>Physical distancing in public/common areas</p> <p>Enhanced cleaning protocols</p>
Student Recreation Centers	<p>Strict physical distancing</p> <p>25% occupancy</p> <p>Pools: lane swimming only</p> <p>Enhanced cleaning protocols</p>	<p>Strict physical distancing</p> <p>50% occupancy</p> <p>Pools: lane swimming only</p> <p>Enhanced cleaning protocols</p>	<p>75% occupancy</p> <p>Open with routine cleaning and physical distancing, gyms and locker rooms</p>
Intramural Sports	<p>Non-contact sports only with physical distancing and individual student sports equipment usage/ cleaning and water protocols</p>	<p>Non-contact sports only with physical distancing and individual student sports equipment usage/ cleaning and water protocols</p>	<p>Non-contact sports & contact sports within defined groups</p>
Athletics	<p>Follow Conference guidelines</p>	<p>Follow Conference guidelines</p>	<p>Follow Conference guidelines</p>



INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – TRANSPORTATION



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Transportation	<p>Limited seating on buses at 10-person capacity or 25% capacity</p> <p>Mark seats where riders can sit</p> <p>Bus windows open if possible</p> <p>Enhanced cleaning protocol</p> <p>Wear cloth masks</p>	<p>Limited seating on buses at 50% capacity</p> <p>Mark seats where riders can sit</p> <p>Bus windows open if possible</p> <p>Enhanced cleaning protocol</p> <p>Wear cloth masks, as required</p>	<p>Limited seating on buses at 75% capacity</p> <p>Mark seats where riders can sit</p> <p>Bus windows open if possible</p> <p>Enhanced cleaning protocol</p> <p>Wear cloth masks, as required</p>



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INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – WORKFORCE PROTOCOLS



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Open Office Spaces	<p>On campus: essential personnel only or phased return to work at 20%</p> <p>Telework, if possible</p> <p>Wear cloth masks in public/common areas</p>	<p>Telework or phased return to work at 50%</p> <p>Wear mask in public/common areas</p> <p>Enhanced cleaning protocols</p>	<p>Telework or phased return to work at 75%</p> <p>Wear mask in public/common areas until statewide or national guidelines change</p> <p>Public-facing offices – use physical distancing and regular cleaning</p>
Single-Occupancy Offices	<p>Telework or phased return to work at 20%</p>	<p>Telework or phased return to work at 50%</p>	<p>Telework or phased return to work at 75%</p>



RECOMMENDATIONS

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1. Signage about expectations for personal hygiene, physical distancing and masks for students, faculty and staff needs to be posted in buildings.
2. Add information about student mask requirements to the Code of Conduct.
3. Greek housing and life: Follow grouping and venue guidance for housing, dining, and activities. **If single-occupancy rooms are unavailable, then the Greek organization must have a place to isolate a student with symptoms and at least 14 days from onset of symptoms and/or positive test result. Quarantine any exposed roommate (s), ending quarantine on day 7 after receiving a negative test result or on day 10 without testing.**
4. Student orientation sessions can be held if IHE is able to follow the grouping and venue size guidelines with individual student and enhanced cleaning protocols.
5. For general COVID-related questions, students, faculty and staff can dial 211. The state's 24/7 COVID mental health hotline is 1-866-310-7977. Publish and post signage with hotline information.



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OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH – REGIONAL CONTACTS



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To locate all higher education reopening safely resources, go to: <https://regents.la.gov/higher-education-reopening-safely-guidance/>

HYPERLINKED RESOURCES

[Higher Education Restart Louisiana Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Reopening Safely for Higher Education Institutions Webinar June 4, 2020](#)

[Proprietary Schools Webinar June 11, 2020](#)

[Health Care Center Experts and Regional Medical Director Reopening Safely Webinar June 19, 2020](#)

[CDC Interim Considerations for Institutions of Higher Education Administrators](#)

[LDH Website for COVID-19 Testing Sites](#)

