



Spartan Shield is UT's health safety initiative that offers guidance to all members and guests of the University community in the era of COVID-19. It encompasses the University's plan for maintaining a safe and socially responsible environment within the confines of a beautiful campus, but also serves as a model for how UT Spartans will lead by example when they venture out into the broader Tampa community.

It is expected that all UT community members invoke the Spartan Code in terms of such things as self-monitoring health, physical/social distancing, respecting other community members' right to privacy and well-being, and following recommendations and policies specifically focused on community health.

All UT faculty, staff, students and visitors are asked to follow basic principles and practices as described in detail in the initiative. This document provides a summary of the initiative.

For more information, or to read the full *Spartan Shield* Health Safety Initiative, go to ut.edu/fall2020.



The health safety initiative is subject to modification as conditions and/or guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) evolve, and may change as circumstances dictate.

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Six Tips for Staying Healthy at UT

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Wear a face mask. If you don't have one, please ask UT staff to provide a disposable one.

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Wash your hands frequently. If a restroom is not available, hand sanitizer can be provided upon request.

3

Be smart, stay six feet apart! Practice physical distancing. If visiting a department, please call upon your arrival.

4

Conduct daily COVID-19 health self-assessments, and take your temperature at one of the hands-free temperature screening systems on campus.

5

Utilize phone and videoconferencing technology when possible if physical distancing measures cannot be met.

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Follow all CDC guidelines. Do not come to campus if you are feeling ill or feverish. Contact a health care provider if showing signs or symptoms.

Be kind and respectful of others, and incorporate *Spartan Shield* in all you do.



Screening, Testing and Containment

- All members of the University community must conduct daily COVID-19 self-assessments, not only for their own health and safety but to mitigate the spread of the virus to protect those who are at high risk.
- Staff and faculty with COVID-19 symptoms will be asked to stay home and seek medical attention; students will be advised to seek medical attention at the Dickey Health and Wellness Center.
- To facilitate self-monitoring and assessment, the UT community can access hands-free temperature screening systems that are located around campus.
- UT has contracted with Rapid-Trace, a team of contract tracers who — in coordination with the Florida Department of Health — will be deployed in the event of an exposure or diagnosis within the campus community.
- Any person who tests positive will isolate for 10 days and until symptoms have resolved. Isolation may be at home or, for residential students, in a designated isolation space. Those who were in close contact will be notified and required to quarantine for 14 days.



Physical/Social Distancing

Best practices in physical distancing involve staying at least six feet (about two arms' length) from other people where there is no physical barrier. Physical distancing practices should be followed in both indoor and outdoor spaces.

- Recognizing that larger spaces that accommodate greater levels of physical distancing will be in high demand, essential University business will be prioritized.
- Faculty and staff should continue to use videoconferencing technology when possible if physical distancing measures cannot be met or to allow participation of higher-risk individuals who choose not to attend face-to-face meetings/activities.



Sanitization, Personal Hygiene and Personal Protection Equipment

- Faculty, staff, students and visitors, including vendors, are required to wear face masks/coverings in all indoor common areas of campus facilities including classrooms. Please wear masks outdoors where social distancing is not possible. Exceptions are permitted for the use of dining facilities, participation in athletic practices and games and instruction in selected fine arts.
- Students, faculty and staff will be encouraged to keep their personal items (e.g., cell phones and laptops) and personal work and living spaces clean.
- Facilities Management environmental services staff members will make every effort to sanitize classrooms at the start of each class day, and they will conduct regular rounds through facilities.



Instructional Continuity

- Where classroom sizes and course enrollments allow for necessary physical distancing, some classes will meet in full according to the posted schedule.
- In other cases, classes may employ alternative delivery methods that facilitate physical distancing while maintaining engagement with students.
- Some courses taught by faculty members who are themselves at higher risk of illness — according to CDC guidelines — may be taught remotely.
- In order to maintain appropriate physical distancing and accommodate student and faculty needs, some instructors will hold office hours and other meetings via Zoom or other online platforms that allows for synchronous interaction.
- If a student has to be quarantined during the semester, faculty will use educational technology or other means to enable the student to continue coursework until they can return to the classroom.
- Course supplies will not be shared among students unless appropriate sanitization procedures are followed.