



UCF RETURN TO CAMPUS PLAN

FALL 2020

OUR APPROACH

- **Prioritize the health and well-being of our faculty, staff, students and visitors in all of our planning**
- Design a phased and flexible approach for returning to campus that can be adjusted if conditions improve or worsen, or if we receive new guidance
- Commit to a compassionate culture that starts with our own personal behavior and acceptance of responsibility to help care for one another's safety and well-being
- Allow remote work and remote learning opportunities where possible and do not require at-risk employees or students to return to campus
- Support work, activity and course schedules that maintain physical distancing and consider hybrid schedules that blend both on-campus and online options for employees and students

SUMMARY

- Anticipate returning this fall, in a limited capacity, with increased safety and sanitation protocols
- Transition to remote instruction after Thanksgiving break
- Encourage those with increased risk of severe illness or older than 65 to continue to work and learn remotely until further notice
- Employ a hybrid strategy for classes and fall events that offers virtual participation to limit frequency of face-to-face interactions
- Conduct targeted testing and tracing, as well as daily screening and education for all employees and students



RETURN TO CAMPUS ROADMAP

Facilities and Housekeeping staff returned to prepare buildings and perform deep cleaning.

**MAY
1**

**MAY
21**

Researchers began returning to prepare labs to resume on-campus research.

Director-level and above leadership began returning to campus.

**JUNE
1**

Additional employees may return.

**AUGUST
8**

Faculty may return to prepare for the Fall semester.

Limited number of student-athletes returned to campus with COVID-19 testing required.

**JUNE
22**

**AUGUST
24**

Limited on-campus instruction may resume for Fall semester.

Communicate to students which course offerings and sections will be in-person and online.

**JULY
1**

**AUGUST
8-23**

Students begin to move into on-campus housing using a scheduled, phased approach.

PLANNING GROUPS

- Emerging Issues and Crisis Response Team (EICRT) provides leadership prior to and during an emerging issue, crisis or university incident
- Planning included representation from leadership, faculty, staff and students and campus feedback
- Worked in conjunction with UCF's Emergency Operations Center, the Florida Department of Health (FDOH) and other state and local government agencies



Return to On-Campus Work



Return to Research



Return to On-Campus Instruction



Return to Housing and Student Affairs Services



Testing and Tracing

**WHAT WILL OUR RETURN
TO CAMPUS LOOK LIKE?**

HOW WILL WE DECIDE CLASSES?

Course offerings will be communicated July 1.

Key considerations are:

- Prioritize quality of educational offerings
- Courses with greatest need for face-to-face experience
- Courses in which high-quality online experience could be offered with fully trained faculty
- Courses needed for FTIC students to aid student retention and progression



UCF has more than 20 years of experience in digital learning, and is **No. 16** in the nation for undergraduate online programs. Over 1,800 faculty have been trained to design and deliver online courses. An additional 300 faculty members will be trained this summer.

EXTRA CLEANING?

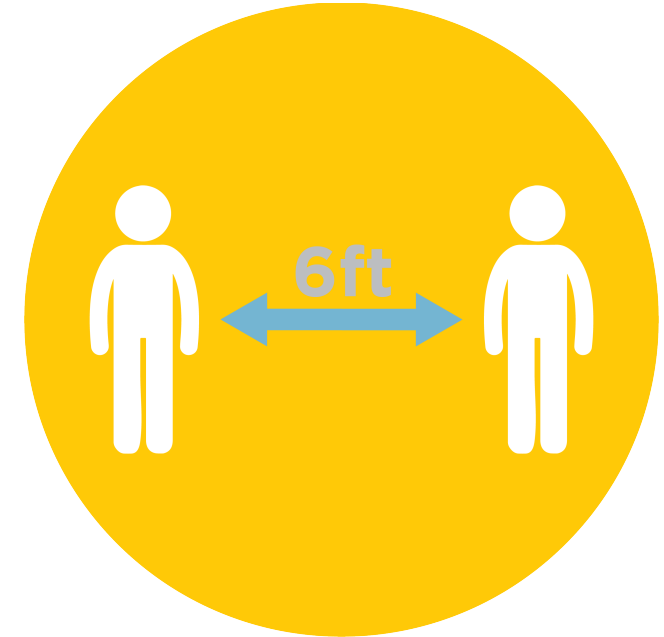
- **Yes!** There will be enhanced cleaning and increased cleaning frequency of common touchpoints, bathrooms and common areas consistent with CDC guidance.
- Also installing hand sanitizer stations, touchless devices (faucets and step-and-pulls on doors) and plexiglass dividers.



Faculty, staff and students will be responsible for cleaning and maintaining their individual workspaces, including desks, chairs and computer equipment.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING?

- **Yes!** All members of the university are to practice six feet of physical distancing to the greatest extent possible.
- Office and building capacities will be modified to support physical distancing.
- Classroom capacity will be revised, and large classes (100+) will be taught remotely.
- Virtual options will be encouraged to avoid unnecessary gatherings.



Additional protective measures will be in place for when distancing is not possible (e.g., clinical training).

WILL FACE MASKS BE REQUIRED?

- **Yes!** Face coverings will be required in all inside common spaces or when in close proximity to others.
- UCF has ordered 100,000 reusable face masks to distribute to every student, faculty and staff member.
- Another 125,000 disposable masks will be made available to offices to provide them to visitors.



Face masks are not required in personal offices or when not in close proximity to others, such as outside.

TRAINING AND ENFORCEMENT

How will we know what the new guidelines are?

- All faculty, staff and students returning to campus will be required to complete training that outlines the university's health measures, including effective hand washing, physical distancing, proper use and care of face coverings, etc.
- There will also be signage at entrances and high-traffic areas across campus.

How will these guidelines be enforced?

- A new emergency university policy will be posted online and applies to all members of the university community, including visitors.
- Repeated acts of non-compliance will result in disciplinary action.



PROTECT OUR **UCF** COMMUNITY

PREVENT AND AVOID THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 WITH THESE TIPS



**Wash hands
often**



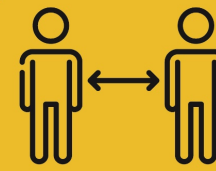
**Avoid touching
your face**



**Wear protective
mask**



**Disinfect
touched items**



**Keep 6ft physical
distance**

**STAY HOME
IF SICK**
EXCEPT TO GET MEDICAL CARE

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ARMOR UP, KNIGHTS

REPORT A CONCERN AT
bit.ly/ucf-integrity-line



IS COVID-19 TESTING REQUIRED?

- **Not for everyone.** The following groups will be tested upon arrival at UCF and will quarantine pending results:
 - All students returning to university-owned housing
 - All students and staff residing in Greek housing
 - All student-athletes whether living on or off campus



UCF currently has two testing sites — main campus and Lake Nona Medical City campus — for students, faculty, staff and the community.

HOW WILL WE TRACK COVID-19?

- UCF will continue to partner with state and local health officials to monitor daily and/or weekly rates of new cases.
- Student volunteers will work under the guidance of FDOH as contact tracers beginning this summer.
- In July, UCF will launch a dashboard to provide updates on the count of known positive tests.



UCF will publish phone lines for reporting possible or known cases, and individuals who may be at risk of infection will be alerted.

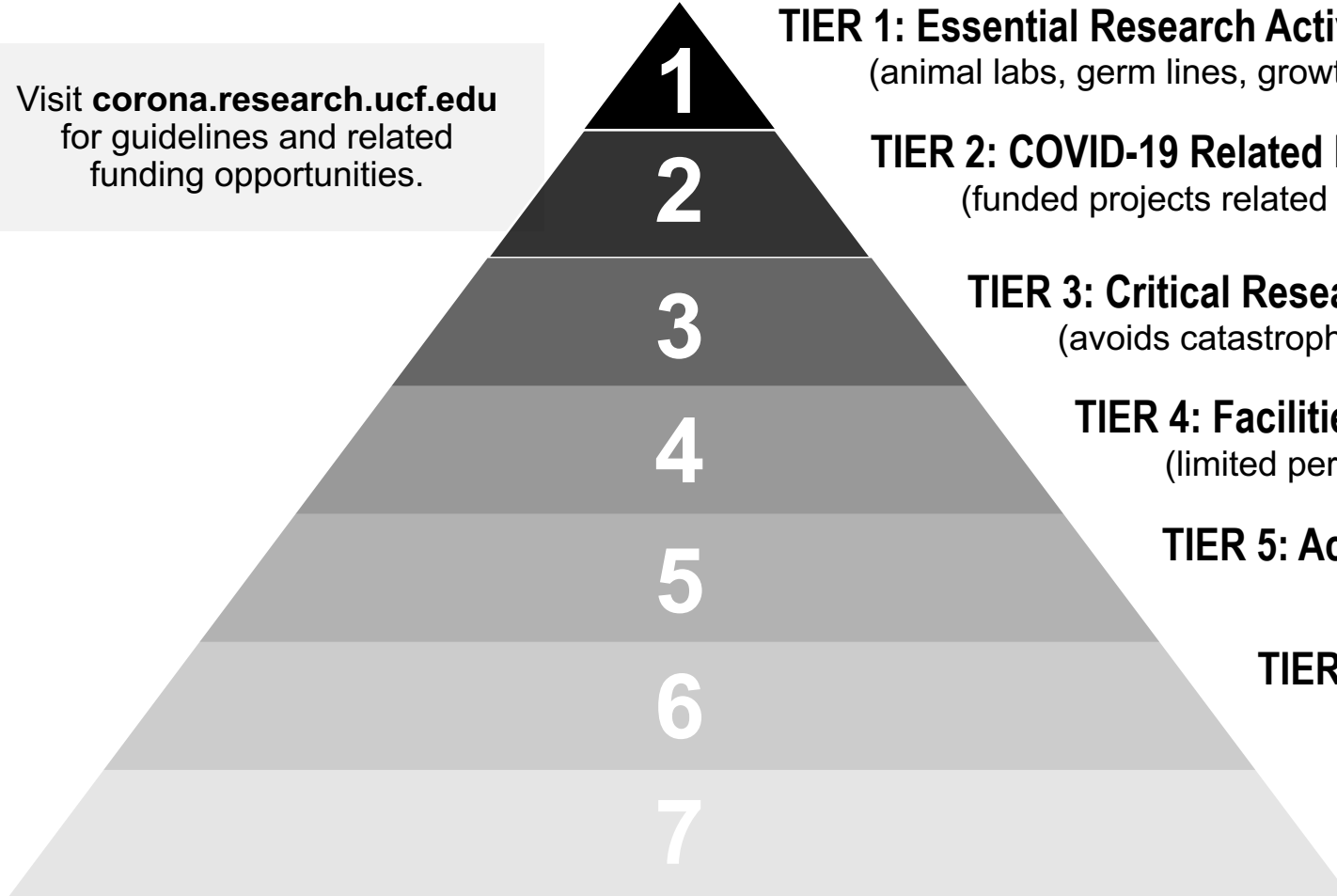
WHAT IF I AM SICK?

- **STAY HOME!** All faculty, staff and students will be required to stay home if they are sick or if any person living in the same residence is sick with COVID-19 symptoms.
- Employees may use their emergency paid sick leave through the end of the year. After employees exhaust their leave, eligible employees may apply for hours through the Knights Care Leave Share program.
- Course and schedule flexibility will be encouraged, allowing students and employees to continue remotely if necessary or preferred.



WHAT ABOUT RESEARCH?

Visit corona.research.ucf.edu
for guidelines and related
funding opportunities.



TIER 1: Essential Research Activities

(animal labs, germ lines, growth chambers, equipment maintenance, etc.)

TIER 2: COVID-19 Related Rapid-Response Activities

(funded projects related to COVID-19, testing, 3D printing, etc.)

TIER 3: Critical Research Activities

(avoids catastrophic loss of resources or research results)

TIER 4: Facilities Preparation Activities

(limited personnel to prepare areas for operations)

TIER 5: Activities That Cannot Be Performed Remotely

TIER 6: Human Subject Research

(if face-to-face is required)

TIER 7: All Other Research Activities

WHAT ABOUT EVENTS?

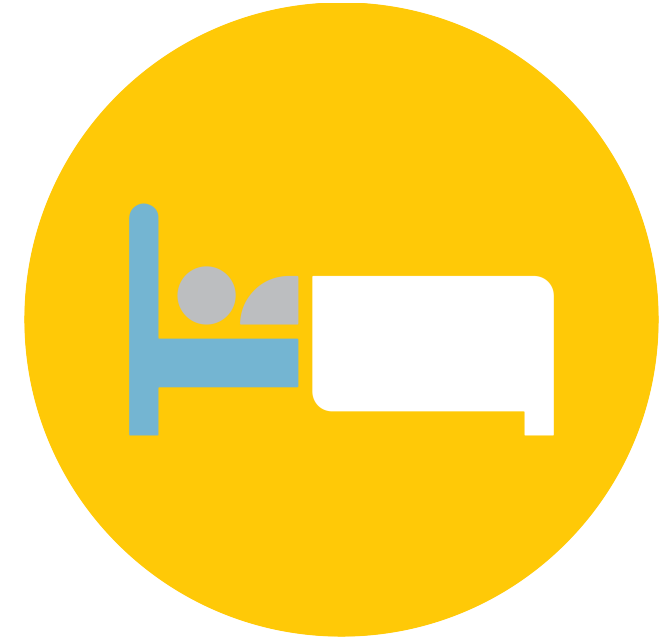
- University-sponsored events and programs will be done virtually wherever possible, including recruiting for Greek and student organizations, and will follow CDC and public health guidelines.
- Athletics participation (for student-athletes and spectators) will depend on guidance from state and local officials, as well as the American Athletic Conference and National Collegiate Athletic Association.



Registered student organizations will be required to submit safety plans for their activities, including meetings, events and programming.

WHAT IF I LIVE ON CAMPUS?

- On-campus housing will shift from full to reduced occupancy and provide some limited double occupancy.
- All residents will be required to sign an addendum to their Housing agreement acknowledging the risk of living in the residential communities because of COVID-19.
- Move-in will be staged, and residents will be tested upon arrival.



“Welcome back” kits will include face coverings, hand sanitizer and information on new safety protocols.

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ucf.edu/coronavirus

For latest updates and resources

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For return-to-campus plans and information



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