

Dept. of Epidemiology & Biostatistics (DEB), UCSF

Information on Return to In-person Learning during the COVID-19 Pandemic for Spring and Summer Quarters 2022

Resources:

COVID Hotline 415-514-7328

[UCSF COVID-19 Policy](#)

[UCSF COVID-19 Testing](#)

Student Health and Counseling Services

Mission Bay 415-476-1281

[Student Health and Counseling Services](#)

Occupational Health Service 415-476-8000

[Occupational Health Service Portal](#)

<https://studenthealth.ucsf.edu/covid19-care-testing>

1) General Approach

- a. The DEB approach to Return to In-Person Learning follows Graduate Division guidance and UCSF policies.
- b. As the pandemic continues to evolve, we will update information as necessary.
- c. Even before the pandemic, courses in the DEB Education programs had a successful history of multi-modality teaching and learning (i.e., in-person and virtual, synchronous, and asynchronous).
- d. For Fall and Winter courses in **Training in Clinical Research (TICR)**, **Data Science**, and **Epidemiology & Translational Science PhD** programs delivered under the Graduate Division will have a ***mix of asynchronous learning and synchronous in-person interaction*** between instructors and students, with some exceptions. The ***goals are to increase in-person instruction (from that offered during the pandemic) and for each course to have a component of in-person instruction.***
 - i. While most **Implementation Science** courses are taught online (regardless of COVID-19), individual courses may have an in-person component, such as synchronous small group or project-based workshop. In such instances, the requirements and procedures below apply.
 - ii. Programs offered via Clinical and Translational Science Training (CTST) will mostly be virtual, with a few exceptions (e.g., some FAST CaR seminars and the summer PUP). Seminars and Works in Progress (WIPs) for the K Scholars Program will remain virtual. The program may conduct some in-person special events as the quarter evolves.
 - iii. Learners and educators from other programs (e.g., undergraduate and graduate medical education) should refer to those programs for further guidance.
- e. Individual course directors will be consulted (by Program Directors) regarding which portions of their courses are best suited to in-person or virtual, synchronous, or asynchronous teaching and learning.
- f. Decisions will be made by Program Directors in consultation with individual course directors and staff and approved by the DEB Vice Chair of Education.
 - i. Small group leaders, teaching assistants, and other supportive instructors may be asked to teach in either format (in-person or virtual), depending on the course, and should contact course directors for details.
 - ii. Students requiring accommodations or individuals with concerns should contact the course/program directors.
- g. Learners should look to the CLE for latest instructions on course/course session formats.

- h. We acknowledge that the return to in-person activities may be both exciting and stressful for some, and we encourage people to reach out to members of our educational team as needed (eva.wong-moy@ucsf.edu, Inez.bailey@ucsf.edu, june.chan@ucsf.edu).

2) In-person teaching and learning

- a. Latest UCSF [guidance](#) states that “Masking is required, and food and beverage is not allowed in classroom meetings for credit-bearing courses that are part of the curriculum within any of the schools.” (9/27/22)
- b. Students and instructors should complete the mandatory [Daily Health Screening](#) before arriving on campus, whether they have symptoms or not (download the [UCSF mobile app](#) for easiest approach). Employees and learners who tap their UCSF identification into a UCSF building as required, but don’t complete the mandatory daily health screener will be sent an email notification for non-compliance with the screener policy. Managers of employees and program administrators and/or PIs of learners will be copied on the email notification.
 - i. Anyone with symptoms should not attend in-person, until tested and cleared to return by Occupational or Student Health.
 - ii. Anyone with a positive COVID-19 test should not attend in-person, until cleared to return.
 - iii. Anyone advised to isolate because of a recent exposure should not attend in-person, until cleared to return.
- c. All people should wash or sanitize hands before/after class.
- d. All people should have their name badge clearly visible and above the waist.
- e. Distancing – people should distance 6 feet or sit in every other seat when possible.
- f. Vaccinations (COVID-19 and Influenza) are required of all faculty, staff, students, and trainees, unless there is an approved exception based on UCSF policy.
 - i. UCSF employees and UCSF students should ensure that their vaccination status is [registered through UCSF](#).
 - ii. Individuals who are not a UCSF employee or UCSF student and will be attending courses in-person should register their compliance with the UCSF vaccination policy through TICR: tigr_coordinator@ucsf.edu

3) COVID exposure

- a. If a UCSF employee has a positive COVID-19 test, report to Occupational Health.
- b. If a UCSF student has a positive COVID-19 test, report to Student Health.
- c. All others should report a positive COVID-19 test to UCSF Occupational Health.
- d. We would also appreciate that the TICR program be notified if an individual has been attending courses in-person and has a positive COVID-19 test so that we can help protect others in our community. tigr_coordinator@ucsf.edu.
- e. If there is a positive exposure in any in-person learning activity, then students/instructors will be notified by Occupational Health or Student Health and the student/instructor should follow guidance from Occupational Health or Student Health on return to in-person sessions (see links at top for more info).

Please direct questions to appropriate Program Director(s).

Thank you and have a great quarter!

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