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
- Occupational Health Service 415-476-8000
- Occupational Health Service Portal
- Student Health and Counseling Services Mission Bay 415-476-1281
- Student Health and Counseling Services
- 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: ticr_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. ticr_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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