**Dept. of Epidemiology & Biostatistics (DEB), UCSF**

**Information on Return to In-person Learning during the COVID-19 Pandemic for Fall Quarter 2021**

**Resources:**

[UCSF COVID-19 Policy](https://coronavirus.ucsf.edu/latest-updates)

[UCSF COVID-19 Testing](https://coronavirus.ucsf.edu/testing)

COVID Hotline 415-514-7328

Occupational Health Service 415-476-8000

[Occupational Health Service Portal](https://ohsportal.ucsfmedicalcenter.org/)

[Student Health and Counseling Service](https://myhealthrecord.ucsf.edu/)

1. **General Approach**
	1. The DEB approach to Return to In-Person Learning follows Graduate Division guidance and UCSF policies.
	2. As the pandemic continues to evolve, we will update information as necessary and at the beginning of each quarter.
	3. 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 remote, synchronous and asynchronous).
	4. Accordingly, for the Fall quarter, courses in the Training in Clinical Research (TICR) program suite, **Data Science**, and the **Epidemiology & Translational Science PhD program** delivered under the Graduate Division will have a mix of asynchronous learning and synchronous (remote or in-person) interaction between instructors and students.
		1. While most **Implementation Science** courses are taught online (independent of COVID-19), individual courses may have an in-person component such as synchronous small group or project-based workshop. For such instances, the requirements and procedures below apply.
		2. Seminars and Works in Progress (WIP’s) for the **K-scholars program** will be remote.
		3. Learners and educators from other programs (undergraduate and graduate medical education) should refer to those programs for further guidance.
	5. Individual course directors will be consulted regarding which portions of their courses are best suited to in-person or virtual/remote, and synchronous or asynchronous teaching and learning.
	6. Decisions will be made by Program Directors in consultation with individual course directors and staff and approved by the DEB Vice Chair of Education.
		1. Small group leaders, teaching assistants, and other supportive instructors may be asked to teach in either format (in-person or remote), depending on the course, and should contact course directors for details.
		2. Students requiring accommodations or individuals with concerns should contact the course/program directors.
	7. Learners should look to the CLE for latest instructions on course/course session formats.
	8. 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**
	1. Wear a mask indoors at all times. No eating/drinking is permitted in indoor settings.
	2. Complete the [Daily Health Screening](https://www.ucsfhealth.org/daily-health-screening) before you arrive on campus whether you have symptoms or not (download the [UCSF mobile app](https://campuslifeservices.ucsf.edu/bts/services/ucsf_mobile_app) for easiest approach).
		1. Anyone with symptoms should not attend in person, until tested and cleared to return.
		2. Anyone with a positive COVID-19 test should not attend in person, until cleared to return.
		3. Anyone advised to isolate because of a recent exposure should not attend in person, until cleared to return.
	3. All people should wash or sanitize hands before/after class.
	4. Have your name badge clearly visible and above the waist.
	5. Distancing
		1. We will aim to conduct in-person sessions in rooms with double the capacity of the expected number of students attending.
			1. Graduate Division guidance as of 8/10/21 is <2hrs and N<40, in the same room.
		2. Students should ideally sit every other seat, with 6-foot distancing preferred.
			1. When distancing is not feasible (e.g., debugging STATA code in lab), exposure should be limited to < 15 minutes.
	6. Vaccinations are required of all faculty, staff, students, and trainees unless there is an approved exception based on UCSF policy.
		1. If you are a UCSF employee or UCSF student, please ensure that your vaccination status is [registered through UCSF](https://ohsportal.ucsfmedicalcenter.org/).
		2. If you are not a UCSF employee or UCSF student and will be attending courses in-person, please register your compliance with the UCSF vaccination policy through TICR: ticr\_coordinator@ucsf.edu
3. **COVID exposure**
	1. If a UCSF employee has a positive COVID-19 test, report to Occupational Health.
	2. If a UCSF student has a positive COVID-19 test, report to Student Health.
	3. All others should report a positive COVID-19 test to UCSF Occupational Health.
	4. We would also appreciate it if you notify the TICR program if you have been attending courses in-person and have a positive COVID-19 test so that we can help protect others in our community. ticr\_coordinator@ucsf.edu.
	5. 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 program will follow guidance from Occupational Health or Student Health on return to in-person sessions.
4. **Outdoor, in-person activities**
	1. Education programs may offer (optional) thematically focused activities held outdoors (e.g. student orientation, journal clubs)
	2. These will follow [current guidance](https://coronavirus.ucsf.edu/events) on meetings and events and be limited to 24 or fewer people (per 8/12/21 update).
	3. All people must complete the [Daily Health Screening](https://www.ucsfhealth.org/daily-health-screening) before coming to UCSF campus (download the [UCSF mobile app](https://campuslifeservices.ucsf.edu/bts/services/ucsf_mobile_app) for easiest approach, see 2b above).
	4. Distancing and Masks
		1. Individuals should aim to maintain 6-foot distancing
		2. Masks are recommended if 6-foot distancing is not possible
		3. Masking and distancing simultaneously while outdoors is not necessary if individuals do not wish to do so

*Please direct questions to appropriate Program Director(s).*

*Thank you and have a great quarter!*

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