

University of Wyoming – Summer 2021 Policy
Abbreviated Reference Document

The following sections provide the framework for the 2021 Summer Session effective May 17, 2021 through August 22, 2021.

Masks and Social Distancing

The Wyoming Department of Health's (WDH) standing order mandating the use of face coverings in public has been lifted. Additionally, WDH's order pertaining to colleges/universities has been lifted as of May 21, 2021. Therefore, face coverings and social distancing are *recommended* but not required while indoors or outdoors, on University-owned property or when conducting University business or activities, including instruction and research.

Gathering and Event Guidelines

The use of masks or face coverings and social distancing is *recommended*, but not required. Event participant numbers will still be limited to 50% of the total venue capacity as determined by the University until June 30, 2021. On July 1, 2021, venue capacity will return to maximum capacity.

Participants in conferences/camps held on the University campus are to follow the University's COVID-19 policy. All conference/camp participants (or their parents/legal guardians, for those under 18) are required to sign a waiver/assumption of risk document that includes information pertaining to a risk of exposure to COVID-19. For those conferences/camps that are not owned or operated by the institution, conference/camp organizers are required to name the University of Wyoming as a benefited party to the waiver.

Conference/camp organizers are responsible for tracking attendee information and collecting/maintaining records of camp waivers. Conference/camp organizers may also choose to require participants to provide proof of a negative COVID test. Various resources are available to conference/camp organizers to assist them with their testing needs, including:

- The University Public Testing program (<https://www.uwyo.edu/alerts/covid-19/public-testing/>);
- Free VAULT testing from the State of Wyoming (<https://health.wyo.gov/publichealth/infectious-disease-epidemiology-unit/disease/novel-coronavirus/covid-19-at-home-testing/>); and
- Local medical clinics including but not limited to: Grand Avenue Urgent Care, Stiches Acute Care Center, and Walgreens.

The University further recommends that when possible, conference/camp organizers should consider:

- Virtual or hyflex options for event attendance.
- Limitations on the group size to the extent possible.
- Limitations on any nonessential visitors, volunteers, and activities involving external groups or organizations, especially with individuals who are not from the local geographical area.
- Utilization of UW Catering for food service due to their COVID related safety training and precautions.
- Communication efforts geared to participants who are higher risk for severe illness, alerting them of their ability to request accommodations or virtual offerings.

Visitor Policy

While on University-owned property or when conducting University business or activities, including instruction and research, visitors must observe the same health and safety requirements as students, faculty and staff. Visitors acknowledge that there are risks related to exposure to COVID-19. Should visitors choose not to abide by the University's COVID Policy while on campus, they will not be permitted to participate in work, events, activities, research or other engagements and will be asked to leave campus.

COVID Surveillance Testing and the COVID Pass

On June 30, 2021, the University of Wyoming mandatory surveillance testing program for all students and employees will be discontinued, including the discontinuation of the mandatory daily self-screening requirement via the COVID Pass application.

Beginning on July 1, 2021 the University will adopt a mandatory random sampling testing of 3% of the entire University community on a weekly basis. Faculty, staff and students who are at least two weeks past being fully vaccinated or who have received surveillance or diagnostic testing within five days may opt out of the testing if chosen for the random sampling.

The University continues to encourage students and employees to self-monitor for COVID-19-like symptoms and to not enter campus and communal spaces if they do have symptoms. Students who live on campus must continue to report a positive test result even after surveillance testing is discontinued. Q/I housing will still be available for on-campus students.

University voluntary diagnostic testing will continue to be available to asymptomatic faculty, staff, students and the public.

Vaccines

At this time, the University is recommending but not mandating the COVID vaccine for faculty, staff and students. However, the University will continue to encourage and incentivize staff, faculty, and students to voluntarily take the COVID-19 vaccine. Additionally, UW requires that all faculty, staff and students report their vaccination status. For employees, a [quick reference guide](#) has been created to help report vaccinations within UW's HCM. Students who receive their COVID-19 vaccinations should upload documentation to the Student Health Service patient portal as soon as their vaccine series is complete.

Travel

Business-related travel shall conform to standard pre-COVID University travel policies consistent with CDC guidance. Beginning on May 17, 2021, business-related travel will no longer require mission critical status. Additionally:

- Vaccinated individuals do not need a negative test prior to traveling;
- Non-vaccinated individuals must have a negative COVID-19 test 1-3 days prior to traveling;
- Consistent with Federal mandates, masks are required for individuals utilizing any mode of public transportation; and
- Non-vaccinated individuals are strongly encouraged to self-isolate upon returning per CDC guidance.

Transportation

All travel using University owned vehicle/transportation services should adhere to the travel guidelines outlined in the University's COVID Policy, which is available online at the Campus Return page. Per CDC guidance, people who are sick or have recently had a close contact (closer than 6 feet for at least 15 minutes) to a person with COVID-19 should not use public transportation and should stay home except to seek medical care. Individuals who have an increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19 should limit their travel.

When using any type of UW Fleet transportation, please follow the guidelines below which are informed by CDC and Wyoming Department of Health guidance:

- Practice hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette.
- Testing/vaccination Status
 - Vaccinated individuals do not need a negative test prior to traveling
 - Non-vaccinated individuals must have a negative COVID-19 test 1-3 days prior to traveling

- Any record keeping will be conducted by the unit sponsoring the travel.
- Vehicle capacity
 - Where practical, avoid pooled rides or rides where multiple passengers are picked up who are not in the same household. When you do share rides, keep in mind that time matters: a 10-minute shared car ride carries less risk of transmission than a multi-hour shared ride.
 - Passenger capacity with UW Fleet vehicles will resume normal limits. UW recommends but does not require face coverings in vehicles, recommends proper hygiene/handwashing, and recommends trying to share vehicles with members of your household if possible.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces
- Improve ventilation in the vehicle if possible

Remote Work

As the University continues to move to a full return to face-to-face course delivery and regular operations, employees will phase back to in-person work beginning on June 7, 2021. All employees will be expected to fully return to in-person work by August 23, 2021, subject to the application of an anticipated *Flexible Work Arrangement Policy* and/or employment accommodations arranged through sick leave, ADA and/or FMLA.