



UW to Proceed with Phase 3 Campus Operations Effective September 28, 2020

Last spring when UW moved to online classes, the University knew it needed to find a way to safely bring us all together again. As a team, UW developed a phased approach centered on data and anchored by our commitment to create a safe campus environment for all. Over the last several weeks, the University has moved through Phases 1 and 2, taking a brief pause between the two in order to fully assess the COVID-19 impact following the Labor Day weekend. Now, following a successful Phase 2, UW is excited to announce Phase 3 will begin on September 28, 2020.

What is Phase 3?

[Phase 3](#) involves eight full weeks of face-to-face instruction with an expanded mix of on-campus and hybrid instruction. In addition, there will be expanded in-person student programming offered to students for the duration of Phase 3.

Along with the many safety measures in place, Phase 3 involves **required** participation from students, faculty and staff in rigorous testing programs to monitor COVID-19 prevalence on campus. Due to supply chain issues, the UW Bridge Testing Program will be extended through mid-October, at which time the Surveillance Testing Program is scheduled to begin. It is important to remember if you are notified that you have been selected to complete a COVID-19 test through the Bridge Testing Program or the Surveillance Testing Program, you **must** schedule and complete the testing. **Failure to complete the test may result in disciplinary action.**

What does Phase 3 mean to employees?

Until the Surveillance Testing Program begins mid-October, please continue to work remotely if possible and at your supervisor's direction. A sampling of staff will be included in the extended Bridge Testing Program from September 28 until the Surveillance Testing Program begins. If you are not in the extended Bridge Testing Program but you are able to socially distance (e.g., work in your office alone, perform duties without others present for an extended period of time, etc.), you may return to campus. If you are unsure if you are supposed to be returning to campus, please contact your supervisor.

Staying healthy together

Continuing with Phase 3 requires everyone to follow all UW health and safety guidelines found in the [UW COVID-19 Policy](#) at all times with **no exceptions**. This includes participating in the testing process. In addition to testing, please continue to use the [COVID Pass](#) tool on a daily basis to assess your symptoms before coming to campus. If you feel sick, or fail COVID Pass, please do not come to campus.

We are excited to move forward in our phased reopening approach and each of you has an important role to play in making sure we continue safely and successfully. Thank you for all you are doing to make this happen!

Resources

- [HR Website](#)
- [COVID-19 Employee Resources](#)
- [Phase Group Categories](#)
- [CovidPass](#)

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