

COVID-19 GRADUATE STUDENT POLICY

The School of Graduate Studies is planning to conduct Fall 2020 classes in-person utilizing appropriate social distancing in accordance with current guidelines from LSUHSC, the City of New Orleans, and the State of Louisiana. Due to the nature and size of some courses, remote learning may be utilized for portions of the instruction. Research is continuing at LSUHSC. Individual PIs are determining the specific details of work to be conducted and scheduling personnel to ensure appropriate social distancing. Individuals must wear a mask in all public spaces when on campus. Additionally, they should maintain at least six feet from other individuals, wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds as frequently as possible, and avoid shaking hands. To protect your colleagues and staff at LSUHSC, do not come to campus if you test positive for SARS-CoV 2, have symptoms consistent with infection, or have had close contact with an infected individual.

LSUHSC is working on student policies and testing options through student health for Fall 2020, and updates will be provided. In the interim, the following guidelines are in place:

Close Contact Exposure

If students have had close contact with someone who is positive for SARS-CoV2, a 14-day self-quarantine is recommended. Close contact is defined as being within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more. If you fit this criteria:

- Notify your supervisor and remain home for 14 days
- Complete the [LSUHSC self-reporting form](#).
- Seek testing at the end of the quarantine period prior to returning to campus.

Exhibiting Symptoms

If students have symptoms consistent with SARS-CoV2 infection (including flu-like symptoms, loss of smell/taste, upper respiratory symptoms)

- Notify your supervisor.
- Seek testing from a physician or testing location.
- Remain at home under self-quarantine until you receive negative SARS-CoV2 test results or until your physician releases you to return.
- Complete the [LSUHSC self-reporting form](#).

Positive SARS-CoV2 Test

If students test positive for SARS-CoV2

- Do not come to work.
- Report your status to your supervisor.
- Complete the [LSUHSC self-reporting form](#).
- Remain at home until you get a physician's release to return.

If you have any additional health concerns, please discuss your individual circumstances with your PI or academic advisor.

If there are any specific situations where students feel vulnerable due to work demands, please do not hesitate to contact the Graduate Studies office: Leigh Smith-Vaniz or Dr. Amedee. We are happy to discuss individual circumstances confidentially.