Tulane’s Return to Campus Planning – Summary
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Note that this document should be used as a general guide and should not be your only source for Tulane’s Return to Campus Planning. Please see the listed websites for more robust information. All information is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

University Operations (Original: June 26, 2020; Last Updated: July 20, 2020)
Site: https://tulane.edu/covid-19

Summary: Overview (links to more details)

Key points:
- Tulane is completing a comprehensive assessment of the University’s living, learning, and working spaces.
- Plans have been made in close consultation with
  - CDC/WHO guidelines
  - State and local government guidelines
  - Louisiana Department of Health guidelines
  - Industrial hygienists, and
  - Public health professionals.

Fall 2020 Calendar - Academics
Site: https://registrar.tulane.edu/academic-calendar
Site: https://tulane.edu/covid-19/academics

Summary: Fall 2020 starts Wednesday, August 19 and ends right before Thanksgiving
- Fall 2020 Class Dates: Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2020 – Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2020
- Final Exams: Monday, Nov. 30, 2020 – Saturday, Dec. 5, 2020
- Check the website for more information on breaks and other schedule changes
- *Graduate and professional schools may vary*

Key Points:
- Please check with your school to see if there was an exception (Law School, SOM/MD Program, School of Social Work, etc).

Other information available on the site:
- Coursework: innovation in the classroom, technology-enhanced classes, rotating classes, and exclusively online classes, remote learning requests for all students, and pass times
- Classrooms: social distancing & barriers, classroom technology, virtual computer labs, and classroom cleaning
- Libraries, Research & Lab Safety, Travel, and School Information
Public Health Strategies
Site:  https://tulane.edu/covid-19/health-strategies

Summary: All faculty, staff and students are currently required to wear face coverings, maintain social distancing and to wash or sanitize hands and workspaces frequently.

High Yield for students (in Arianne’s words):
- Wear a face covering when on campus! Wash your hands! Keep a 6ft bubble! Stay clean!
- Everyone is required to test for Covid-19 beginning in July, and on a monthly schedule.
  - Contacts will be traced, and information will be kept confidential.
- Check yourself – if you are feeling sick, do not go to class or other activities, and contact Student Health.
  - If you have Covid-19 symptoms or were in contact with a Covid-19 positive individual, you will isolate in Paterson Hall (infirmary).
    - This mainly applies to residential students.
    - Graduate and professional students who live off-campus and can safely isolate at the residence can do so. However, the infirmary is available to you if needed.

Key points:
- **About Coronavirus**
  - Information on coronavirus – what it is, what are the symptoms, how is it spread, and who is at higher risk – are explained
  - Accommodation Requests
    - Students can reach out to the Tulane Goldman Center: goldman@tulane.edu or 504-862-8433

- **Health & Safety Notices**
  - Please respect individual’s privacy
  - Please work to reduce stigma!

- **Daily Symptom Checking**
  - All faculty, staff and students will be required to track their symptoms daily.
  - Students experiencing Covid-19 symptoms must contact Student Health immediately and NOT report to class or other activities.
  - Self-monitor for Covid-19 symptoms: “students will receive a text each morning with a reminder to do a “daily COVID-19 symptom check” and a link to answer the screening questions. The questionnaire asks a few basic questions about COVID-19 symptoms and possible exposure based on information published by the CDC. The questionnaire is brief and should take only a few minutes to complete. The questionnaire must be completed before going to work or class.”
• **Face Coverings & Personal Hygiene**
  o [Important] Additional Site: [https://tulane.edu/face-covering-mask-protocol](https://tulane.edu/face-covering-mask-protocol)
  o Face coverings **must** be worn by all faculty, staff, and students while inside a university facility or on any university property when in the presence of others.
    ▪ Including classrooms and workspaces etc.
    ▪ Please see “[Important] Additional Site” for information on exemptions.
  o Tulane will provide 2 cloth face coverings for all faculty, staff, and students.
  o Disposable face coverings will be available.
  o “Other than when in a residence hall room or alone in a private office, faculty, staff, students, visitors and contractors are **required** to wear a face covering when on campus, including in classrooms.”
  o Frequently wash hands! 20 seconds with soap and water.
  o Try not to share common items (like phones and laptops).
  o Tulane has a supply of sanitizing wipes to disinfect surfaces.
  o Avoid touching your face.
  o Hand sanitizer states are available throughout all campus buildings. (Use hand sanitizers with 60% alcohol)

• **Physical Distancing – Social Distancing**
  o **Maintain 6ft bubble** is in contact for longer than 10 minutes.
  o Applies in classrooms, labs, dining halls, lounges, gyms, and other communal spaces.
  o Physical barriers will be provided in common areas.
  o Limited occupancy with rotating schedules will be used to maintain social distancing in public spaces.
  o See site for more detailed information on:
    ▪ General Social Distancing in Office Settings
    ▪ Social Distancing in Classrooms
    ▪ Social Distancing in Common Areas

• **Testing and Contact Tracing**
  o Beginning in July, faculty, staff, and students on our campuses will be **required** to test for Covid-19.
    ▪ Uptown and downtown locations will be announced soon.
  o There will be a **monthly** testing rotation; 5% of the Tulane community daily
  o Turnaround for tests is approximately 24 to 36hrs.
  o Tulane is working with Louisiana Department of Health on effective contact tracing program.
    ▪ All information related to Covid-19 will be kept confidential.
  o “Faculty, staff, students and others who work regularly on campus, including contract workers, are required to undergo regular COVID-19 testing. Monthly testing will occur throughout the Fall 2020 semester.”
  o See site for more detailed information on:
    ▪ Current Testing
• Reporting  
• Fall Surveillance Testing Program  
• Contact Tracing  
• Confidentiality

• Quarantine & Isolation
  o Faculty, staff, and students who are experiencing symptoms or exposed to covid-19 positive individual will need to quarantine or self-isolate.
    ▪ Faculty and staff will isolate in their residencies.
    ▪ Students will isolate in Paterson Infirmary.
      • This applies to graduate and undergraduate students who live on and off campus.
    ▪ “Residential students who have tested positive or are a contact to a known positive case will be required to utilize the Paterson Hall isolation and/or quarantine Rooms.”
    ▪ “Off-campus undergraduate, graduate and professional students will be able to utilize these rooms when they are unable to stay in their personal residences.”
  o See site for more information on:
    ▪ Returning to on-site work or class after isolation
    ▪ Paterson House Center

• Cleaning Protocols – Cleaning & Disinfecting
  o Top priority: Tulane facilities will implement enhanced cleaning protocols.
  o “The university has intensified the cleaning and disinfection of campus facilities. Campus Services, in consultation with an external certified industrial hygienist, epidemiologists and Tulane’s Office of Environmental Health and Safety, has developed detailed protocols for cleaning and disinfection.”
  o “Students are responsible for daily cleaning of personal spaces (i.e. suite style bathrooms and bedrooms). Weekly custodial cleaning will be provided in suite style bathrooms and daily cleaning will be provided in community restrooms.”
  o See site for more information on:
    ▪ Campus Disinfection and Sanitization
    ▪ Scheduled Cleaning
    ▪ Post-Exposure Cleaning & Disinfection
    ▪ Residence Halls

• HVAC Protocols
  o See site for information on how Tulane has upgraded these systems (for example, upgrading filters from MERV8 to MERV11) to increase efficiency and decrease air volume.

• Facilities
  o Ingress and Egress
    ▪ Tulane signage regarding health strategy reminders will be around campus (hand washing reminders, instructions for social distancing, etc.)
Stairwells and Elevators
- Stairwells will be designated for one-way traffic. Signage will guide you.
- Elevators will have signage to indicate how many people allowed and where they should stand.

Lobby and Other Common Area
- Signage will regulate common areas (max occupancy and social distancing measures)
- Plexiglass will be installed where appropriate

Common Bathrooms
- Avoid crowded bathrooms, maintain social distancing of 6ft
- Signage will indicate limit of people in bathroom

Not covered in this document:
- Workplace

Student Life
Site: https://tulane.edu/covid-19/student-life

Key Points:
- **Student Conduct**
  - Please review the information on student conduct.
  - “Taking the steps necessary to protect others is who we are as Tulanians. Our motto, “Not for oneself but for one’s own,” says it all. We take care of one another. We must be hyper-vigilant and diligent in adhering to the University’s public health guidelines and protocols. We must understand how irresponsible behavior can impact our campus and city in which we live.”

- **Off-Campus Living**
  - The guide gives you more information on: Daily Self-Screening, Social Distancing & Wearing Masks, Cleaning & Disinfecting your Home, When Someone in your Home is Sick, What to do if you are Ill, Running Essential Errands, Visiting Parks & Recreational Facilities, Coping Tools during High Stress Times, and Campus Resources & Helpful Websites

- **Campus Recreation**
  - Reily Center will be open to only Tulane Affiliate beginning Monday, July 27
  - Center will be closed for 2 hours for cleaning (2-4pm)
  - Reservations will be required (50-minute increments)
    - To make a reservation: https://campusrecreation.tulane.edu/home/COVID-ReserveAWorkoutTime
  - See site for more information on:
    - Hours of Operation
    - Facility Reservations Required
    - Tulane Affiliates Only
    - New Memberships
- Member Code of Conduct
- Group Exercise Classes
- Area-Specific Closures
- Indoor & Outdoor Pools
- Other Programming

Not covered in this document:
- Move-in/Arrival Center
- New Student Orientation
- Housing and Residence Life
- Campus Life
- Dining
- Campus Health
- Athletics
- Shuttles & Transportation
- Bookstore