



**University of
New Hampshire**

UNH RISK MITIGATION & MANAGEMENT PLAN EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The decision to return to campus are complex and contingent on internal and external metrics at the federal and state levels. UNH continues to track recommendations from the CDC and WHO, and work closely with the N.H. Department of Health and Human Services and local health care providers around the state. The goal is to use the latest data to provide the highest quality educational and campus experience while protecting the health and safety of our community.

BEHAVIOR, ENFORCEMENT AND EDUCATION

- UNH has a comprehensive and robust public health campaign for all university community members aimed at mitigating health risks in the face of the pandemic.
- Communication about health and safety protocols and practices with all university stakeholders, including parents and families, will continue throughout the academic year.
- UNH has established strong and collaborative partnerships with the Town of Durham, the Durham Landlords Association, the Durham Business Association and Durham Police Department to orchestrate pandemic mitigation efforts between the campus and the town.
- UNH has engaged student leadership and student affinity groups to promote shared responsibility of mitigation practices and these have been built into the Students Rights, Rules, and Responsibility and managed through the conduct system.
- All student services offices will have health and safety protocols for student visitation to their offices and waiting rooms. Dining halls, residence halls, campus recreational facilities, student union have identified the health and safety practices specific to their units.
- Protocols for physical distancing and mask wearing will be in place for the 2020-21 academic year.

SPACING, CLEANING, AND PROTECTION

- All university community members will maintain recommended safe physical distancing protocols. UNH is taking steps to reduce the occupancy numbers in classes, labs, dining halls, event venues, office space and other space where students, faculty and staff gather.
- While at work, in class and in public common areas, community members should wear a cloth face covering to help protect against the spread of the virus. The university will make masks available or community members can wear cloth face coverings they provide.
- In academic spaces, campus recreation, the MUB and university housing, increased cleaning and disinfection of bathrooms and high touch surfaces will take place a minimum of twice daily. Hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes will be in all instructional areas.

- Dining locations will focus on increased cleaning and disinfection of high touch surfaces throughout the day. Finger scans will not be in use.
- UNH Facilities is monitoring and implementing American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers guidance regarding mitigating measures. Research facilities already have ventilation systems that exceed recommended fresh air requirements. For all other spaces on campus that utilize mechanical ventilation, where applicable and practical, ventilation will be increased before, during and after occupancy.

TESTING AND SCREENING

- All faculty, staff and contractors are tested regularly and before beginning work must perform a health self-assessment to confirm the risk of infection is low.
- The UNH lab is expected to be operational in early August with the capacity to do 2,000 individual tests each day. Additionally, we expect to implement “pooled” testing if the campus exposure rate remains below 1%. This will reduce costs and increase capacity.
- COVID-19 testing will be provided for all UNH students, faculty and staff throughout the semester. Collection of test results will be coordinated by university Health and Wellness.
- Students, faculty and staff will be tested before returning to campus, again during the week of August 24th (August 16th for UNH Law) as they arrive on c campus, and then regularly throughout the semester.
- In the case that an individual does not submit a test sample in the window required, notifications will be sent to Human Resources (faculty or staff), the Dean of Students (undergraduate students), or the Dean of the Graduate School (graduate students or post-docs).

CONTACT TRACING

- UNH is working with DHHS on a collaborative and comprehensive testing and tracing approach for all UNH campuses. Registered nurses in UNH Health & Wellness will be liaisons with DHHS contact tracers. Test results will be provided to the person tested and DHHS.
- Individuals who test positive will be told to remain in isolation for at least 10 days, with at least 72 hrs. of symptom improvement. There will be immediate identification and notification of roommate/roommates of students living on or off campus of their potential exposure and requirement for them self-quarantine for 14 days. These individuals may choose to quarantine at home or in a quarantine residence on campus.
- DHHS will notify UNH liaisons of positive tests involving UNH students, faculty, or staff that have been conducted by another test provider. The liaison will assist the DHHS contact tracer. The process these individuals will be the same as for those tested at UNH.

ISOLATION AND INCIDENT MANAGEMENT

- Small clusters of positive cases can be managed in two ways. Students can go to their permanent residence and seek medical support and quarantine for the recommended time period before returning to campus. If going home is not feasible, UNH will provide a limited number of beds in designated quarantine housing. Total number of quarantine beds is approximately 300. UNH will provide telemedicine including mental health, access to continue education online, meal delivery and security. Quarantine housing is available to all registered UNH students from any of our campuses including those living off campus.
- Prior to the quarantine housing reaching capacity, the president will make the decision to transition to non-face-to-face learning.
- Prior to reaching 50% capacity university leadership will discuss a mitigation strategy. For example, a decision might be made to temporarily transition to non-face-to-face learning to slow the spread of the virus.