

SUU OPEN CAMPUS

Fall 2020 Semester

SUU values an open, collaborative, and inclusive face-to-face campus environment. A shared commitment by all students, faculty, and staff is essential to maintaining health and keeping the campus open. As such, all members of the SUU campus will be expected to respect and abide by the following practices until COVID-19 is no longer a threat.

The protocols and practices for students, faculty, and staff to return to campus are outlined with the following guiding principles in mind:

- Preserving the in-person college experience for our students
- Prioritizing the health and safety of students and employees
- Taking extra precautions with the most vulnerable and high-risk populations
- Tracking economic and health indicators that will guide decisions about campus life

Staying open will require a shared commitment to effective health practices. As such, **all members of the SUU community will be expected to commit to the following practices:**

1. **Monitor your health daily:** Each morning, when you wake up, be honest with yourself about your health.
 - a. If **symptoms of COVID-19** are present, faculty, staff, and students must contact their doctor (or other local health professional) to see if they should be tested. Download Utah's [Healthy Together App](#) for a 10-second health check.
 - b. If the medical professional recommends a test, proceed to a local testing facility, get tested, and then isolate yourself in your home/apartment until test results are received.
 - c. If results are positive, the faculty, staff, or student will isolate for 14 days, participate in contact tracing led by the Southwest Utah Public Health Department, and report their positive test results to SUU go.suu.edu/returntocampus.
 - d. If the results are negative, stay home until you are symptom free.
 - e. If the medical professional does not recommend a test, stay home until you are symptom free from whatever illness you have.
2. **Keep campus clean:** University employees and students will participate in frequent cleaning and disinfecting of high-touch areas such as handrails, doorknobs, computer labs/keyboards, elevator interiors, restroom surfaces and fixtures, etc. SUU Facilities will supply departments and instructional spaces with hand sanitizer, wipes and cleaning disinfectant.
3. **Follow state public health guidelines:** This includes following restrictions on group sizes for residence halls, dining facilities, classrooms, and elsewhere on campus.
4. **Wear face coverings or masks on campus as required by the Governor's Executive Order:** SUU will provide one washable, reusable face mask for those who do not have their own. Thereafter, individuals should bring and continue to provide their own face coverings.
5. **Maintain social distancing where possible:** This includes in classrooms, labs, meetings, the library, and social gatherings.
6. **Accommodations for high-risk individuals:** Employees who have elevated risk factors for contracting the virus, or who desire to seek adjustments to their work circumstances because of COVID-related risk concerns, are responsible for engaging with their supervisors and Human Resources to seek appropriate accommodations and adjustments, including those required under the American with Disabilities Act. Similarly, students should speak directly to their faculty to coordinate appropriate accommodations and adjustments to their course participation.

To facilitate these health practices, the following adjustments are being implemented for classroom instruction.

1. Digital recording equipment will be installed in each instructional space (classrooms, labs and other venues) to ensure that students can attend face-to-face classes remotely if they become ill. This will allow any SUU community member to engage in classroom activities and protect their health. Faculty will also be able to teach remotely if they become ill.
2. Instruction and examinations will move to a remote delivery following the Thanksgiving break. However, the campus will remain open, as it normally would. Students will be able to stay home after Thanksgiving or they can remain in Cedar City to continue working or utilizing campus services. Not holding class gatherings after Thanksgiving is one step we are taking to reduce the spread of COVID-19 during what is anticipated to be a challenging flu season.

We are excited to offer an open, in-person fall semester and are optimistic about our ability to deliver a vibrant and healthy student and employee experience. We look forward to our collective effort to keep the campus open, active, and healthy.