



Faculty Partnership on Health and Safety Guidelines

The return to face to face teaching and learning is critically important to the URI community however it will require all faculty, staff, and students to engage in new ways to maintain a healthy and safe environment for all members. The following guidelines are based on guidance from The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH).

Suggested steps faculty can take to decrease risk of transmission:

- Perform daily wellness screen/health attestation prior to coming to campus. Please do not come to campus to teach, perform research, work in your own office if you are ill. This is essential to the wellbeing of our community.
- Wear face coverings at all times in the classroom and public spaces while on campus. Exemptions should be addressed with the Chair/Dean or if for personal health reasons with Human Resources.
- When entering the classroom, disinfect the podium, table or space that you will be using while in the classroom. Encourage students to do the same for their desk/area with supplies provided.
- Maintain physical distancing upon entry, when in the classroom and upon exit.
- Include the expectation of remaining home if ill, face coverings required in the classroom and maintaining physical distancing in your syllabus to set clear expectations for students.
- Have a plan for missed classes due to illness, allowing for students to continue their course work remotely/online.
- Have a plan if a student shows up without a mask, and if able have disposable masks available to allow for participation. Otherwise instruct students to go to their room/car or Health Services to obtain one in order to participate in face to face instruction.
- Consider carrying some personal supplies with you to minimize potential transmission from objects, such as your own technology, mouse, and clicker that you routinely use for instruction. Carry your URI faculty teaching kit with wipes, dry erase markers, disposal masks, etc.
- Establish and keep a record of assigned seats for your classes.