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Dear LSU Family,

I’d like to take this opportunity to share with you some decisions we have made about the fall semester, including some changes to the academic calendar. This Roadmap to Fall is the result of countless hours of thought, discussion, and planning from LSU’s leadership team, the LSU Emergency Operations Center, and a host of other faculty and staff members in a variety of roles who have provided feedback and ideas. I want to express my gratitude to the many people whose work has made this roadmap a reality. We believe these plans will help us keep our LSU community as safe and healthy as possible while returning our campus to more traditional operations.

Things will look a little different on campus, but that’s okay. Together, we will navigate the challenges that COVID-19 present to us, and we will continue to adjust our policies and protocols as needed. While this public health situation impacts the way we do things, know that we will still continue to provide our students with the quality educational experience that we have pledged to give them.

As we move forward, safety is our guidepost and number one priority. And we would never have made the progress we have achieved without your hard work, dedication, and compassion. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Tom Galligan
LSU Interim President and Professor of Law
GUIDING PRINCIPLES

All decisions and protocols for reopening campus are driven by the safety and well-being of our students, faculty, staff, and visitors. Safety will continue to be our guidepost. Our intention for fall 2020 is to have campus open and return to in-person, traditional classes whenever possible. Maintaining physical distancing and enhanced cleaning procedures, placing capacity restrictions on classrooms and common spaces, and staggering faculty/staff workdays and/or encouraging remote work for applicable positions are among the precautions we will take.

We will proceed according to federal and state guidelines while adhering to recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Likewise, we are monitoring our own phased approach to reopening campus, as well as the state's reopening decisions and outcomes.

Plans are subject to alteration based on the evolving nature of COVID-19. LSU will continue to follow local, state, federal, and CDC guidelines to protect the health and well-being of the LSU community.
GENERAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

As we return to campus, we expect everyone to adhere to the protocols set forth herein to minimize risks and protect the well-being of the LSU community. The following guidelines are applicable to everyone who comes to campus. We appreciate your cooperation in placing safety at the forefront of your priorities to help us have a healthy and safe semester.

SAFETY PROTOCOLS

**Physical Distancing** – Maintain physical distancing of six feet whenever possible.

**Face Coverings** – Face covering use is required on campus in public spaces, especially when it is not possible to maintain appropriate physical distancing of at least six feet, such as entering and exiting campus buildings, moving through hallways, using common rooms, in classrooms, and frequented other shared spaces. LSU will provide one LSU-branded cloth face covering to each employee and student returning to the physical campus this fall. **Please note: Face shields are not substitutions for face masks. If you choose to wear a face shield, it must be in combination with a face mask.**

**Hand Washing/Hand Sanitizer** – Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or, if hand washing is not feasible, use hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol.

**Coughing/Sneezing Etiquette** – Remember, if you have to cough or sneeze, do so into a tissue or the inside your elbow rather than your hands. This will help to minimize the spread of germs as you touch doorknobs and surfaces.

**Cleaning** – We will continue to operate using the increased cleaning protocols recommended by the CDC to ensure that all campus buildings are cleaned and disinfected consistent with that guidance.
LSU COVID-19 MONITORING SYSTEM

According to the CDC, testing, contact tracing, and isolation are among the effective ways to manage COVID-19. LSU has put together a plan, known as the TIGER Check COVID-19 Monitoring System, to help slow the spread and protect the campus community from this virus, including return to campus form, daily symptom checking, COVID-19 testing, and contact tracing. The TIGER in TIGER Check is an acronym to help remember the following steps:

- **T**RACK symptoms
- **I**SOLATE
- **G**ET tested
- **E**XERCISE caution
- **R**EPORT positive cases and close contacts

The safe resumption of operations at LSU requires the entire campus community of faculty, staff, and students to each individually do their part. Everyone must participate in the following steps to enable the efficient identification and swift containment of potential COVID-19 outbreaks. Visit [lsu.edu/roadmap/monitoring](http://lsu.edu/roadmap/monitoring) for the latest information on these steps.

**Step 1: Return to Campus Form**

Faculty, staff, and students will be required to fill out a return to campus form. This electronic form is a one-time questionnaire where you will be asked to provide contact, demographic, and LSU affiliated information. Additionally, you will be asked to think about and provide information regarding health-related plans should you begin to experience any COVID-19 related symptoms or come into close contact...
with someone who has tested positive for the virus. This information will help LSU prepare and plan for a safe return to campus and to provide assistance to you, should you need it.

**Do I fill out the Return to Campus Form even if I am going to be taking only virtual classes or working remotely?**

Yes. All students, faculty, and staff should fill out the Return to Campus Form as soon as possible, even if they are going to be virtual for all of their classes or for work. The information on the form will be useful for contact tracing and will be helpful for when you do return to campus. LSU is requiring everyone to fill out the form now so that the university will have the information it needs to offer assistance to everyone.

**Step 2: Daily Symptom Checking**

The LSU community will be required to self-monitor their symptoms daily. Faculty, staff, and students will be required to respond to a daily symptom check request that will be sent via text message or can be accessed through a web-based application. The daily symptom checker requires respondents to take a one- to two-minute assessment of their symptoms. Once respondents have provided information about their symptoms, they will be provided with feedback.

**Step 3: COVID-19 Testing**

Testing for SARS COVID-19 is a critical component of keeping everyone safe and healthy. Faculty, staff, and students should get tested for the virus if they have symptoms associated with COVID-19 or have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. To ensure the health and safety of the LSU community, it is essential that everyone is aware of the testing opportunities that are available through their health care provider, the Student Health Center, and in the community.

Anyone who tests positive should follow the protocols outlined on the [COVID-19 Protocol website](https://www.lsu.edu/coronavirus/). LSU faculty, staff, and students who test positive for COVID-19 should report their results in their daily symptom checker application. Once a respondent has indicated that they have tested positive for COVID-19, they will be prompted to fill out a contact tracing form (see above).

LSU will be testing some members of our LSU family on a voluntary basis this fall to better understand the virus’ presence in our community. LSU will not release the name or personal information of a COVID-19 positive case or close contact.

LSU faculty, staff, and students who test positive for COVID-19 should report their results in their daily symptom checker application, as well as notify the LSU EOC should they meet any of these situations:

- Symptomatic Confirmed Positive
- Asymptomatic Confirmed Positive
- Close Contacts of COVID-19 Positive Cases
If I’m in the same building with someone who has COVID-19, can I catch it through the air conditioning system?

Experts say this is unlikely. Watch LSU coronavirus expert Dr. Joel Baines talk about this in a short video.

**VIDEO:** Click the link above or visit [youtu.be/5nZ90t4JsY](https://youtu.be/5nZ90t4JsY) to see an interview with LSU faculty member Dr. Baines explaining how the coronavirus spreads.

### Step 4: Contact Tracing

Contact tracing plays an important role in slowing the spread of COVID-19. Consequently, once someone has tested positive for COVID-19, they will be required to provide information about the people who they have been in close contact with. At LSU, contact tracing is done through an automated system where respondents can input this information through a web-based application. If additional information is needed or someone does not provide this information, they will be contacted.

### Step 5: Identifying Contacts

Those identified as being close contacts of a person who has tested positive will be notified via email or by phone and directed to reach out to their health care provider.

If someone within the LSU community who tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days forgot to identify you as a close contact, you will subsequently not receive a notification about being a close contact. Therefore, you must self-report using the [LSU Close Contact Self Report Survey](#).

Additionally, if you were in close contact of someone with tested positive for COVID-19 outside of the LSU community (i.e., family, friends, neighbors, etc) in the past 14 days, you must self-report using the [LSU Close Contact Self Report Survey](#).
COVID-19 PROTOCOL
If you got tested for COVID-19 because you felt sick, were experiencing sick symptoms, or were a close contact of someone who tested positive for COVID-19, you should immediately self-isolate until you receive test results. You should quarantine for 14 days from the date of last close contact with the positive case. Any time a new household member gets sick with COVID-19 and you had close contact, you will need to restart your quarantine. You will need to continue to quarantine until 14 days from your last close contact with the positive case. You can find additional information about this scenario, here cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine.html.

CLOSE CONTACT DEFINITION
The CDC definition of "close contact" is when an individual has had close contact (at less than six feet) for 15 minutes or more with someone who meets the following criteria:

- A person with COVID-19 who has symptoms (in the period from two days before symptom onset until they meet criteria for discontinuing home isolation; can be laboratory-confirmed or a clinically compatible illness)
- A person who has tested positive for COVID-19 (laboratory confirmed) but has not had any symptoms (in the two days before the date of specimen collection until they meet criteria for discontinuing home isolation)

Close Contact Includes:

- You were within six feet of someone who has COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more.
- You provided care at home to someone who is sick with COVID-19.
- You had direct physical contact with the person (hugged or kissed them).
- You shared eating or drinking utensils.
- An individual sneezed, coughed, or got respiratory droplets on you.

Examples

- Close contact: riding in a car
- Not close contact: a virtual zoom meeting
- Close contact: shaking hands
- Not close contact: air high fives from six feet or more apart

Close Contact Frequently Asked Questions

If I am in close contact with a positive case and have received a negative test result for COVID-19, may I return to work/school? You are required to quarantine for 14 days after your last contact with the positive case of COVID-19, regardless of a negative test result.

I have tested positive for COVID-19 or had close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19; do I need to provide a negative test result to return to campus? No, a negative test result is not required to return to campus. You should follow the guidelines in the table above to determine when you can return to campus.

Who do I contact to get more information regarding COVID-19 and LSU? For more information about LSU policies and protocol, please email reportcovid@lsu.edu. General information regarding COVID-19 can be found at cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html.
**COVID-19 Protocol Based on Testing, Reported Symptoms, and/or Exposure**

Faculty, staff, and students are REQUIRED to notify the LSU EOC should they meet any of the situations below by emailing reportcovid@lsu.edu. If you don’t have access to email, please call the LSU EOC at 225-578-7921 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. daily to report a positive case or exposure.

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<td>• 10 days have passed since the onset of symptoms and</td>
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<td>• Three days have passed without fever (without the use of fever reducing medications)</td>
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*Isolation separates sick people with a contagious disease from people who are not sick

**Quarantine separates and restricts the movement of people who were exposed to a contagious disease to see if they become sick
HEALTH AND SAFETY: A GUIDE FOR EMPLOYEES

Returning to campus requires some adaptation of how we conduct business. As a community, we are driven to collaborate, and that spirit of sharing a common cause can work to our benefit as we look out for one another in a new capacity and rise to protect the well-being of our colleagues and students. As such, the following protocols have been implemented to provide the safest possible work environment for those on campus.

SAFETY PROTOCOLS

LSU is committed to safety protocols, which are outlined on page 4, to help keep you healthy.

- Face coverings must be worn in public spaces and when the job or circumstances place you within six feet of another person. Each employee should provide their own face covering.
- Stay home if you experience any signs of illness or feel sick.
- All meetings and events will be limited to 50 percent capacity (as determined by the State Fire Marshal) or 250 people in any single indoor or outdoor space. In addition, all meetings and events with more than 10 in-person attendees will continue to require EOC approval. Otherwise, meetings should be held via a virtual platform such as Teams or Zoom. As mentioned above, face coverings should be worn when in public spaces. See complete guidelines on page 13.
- Employees who are working remotely should follow risk management policies for working at an alternate location.
- Be sure to complete your symptom checker task every morning.
HIGH-RISK EMPLOYEES

LSU is concerned about the health of our employees and understands that while everyone is at risk for getting COVID-19 if exposed to the virus, certain populations may be at greater risk for serious complications, according to the CDC. Among those are older adults, particularly those 65 or older, and people with underlying health conditions such as:

- Chronic kidney disease
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), asthma, or other lung impairments
- Immunocompromised conditions
- Heart conditions
- Diabetes
- Obesity (BMI of 30 or higher)
- Sickle cell disease
- High blood pressure
- Cystic fibrosis

Please refer to the CDC website for more information on underlying conditions and COVID-19. If you have a documented health issue that you believe prohibits your return to campus, contact the Office of Human Resource Management to discuss accommodations and leave.

ANTIBODY TESTING

LSU is offering all employees access to COVID-19 antibody testing. Antibody testing is generally used to determine if an individual was previously infected with the COVID-19 virus. Test results are confidential and will only be provided to the employee.

This service will be provided free of charge for employees with LSU First coverage. Employees who do not have LSU First coverage should verify with the location the amount of the charge prior to having the service performed. It is important to note that some insurance carriers cover testing and others do not. It is the employee’s responsibility to pursue reimbursement where applicable.

LEAVE POLICIES

LSU leave policies have been updated recently and are broader than prior to the pandemic. If you have been exposed to COVID-19 and are subject to a self-isolate or isolation order, are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, have been diagnosed with COVID-19, are caring for an immediate family member as a result of COVID-19, or are caring for a child as a result of loss of care due to COVID-19 and are unable to report to the physical premises for work or perform work remotely, you may use your personal accrued sick, annual, and/or compensatory time accordingly for full pay. You may also be eligible for Emergency Paid Sick Leave (EPSL) under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) if you meet certain criteria. Visit lsu.edu/hrm for more information.
REMOTE WORK ARRANGEMENTS

Employees who are interested in remote work arrangements should consult their supervisor. FASOP HR-03 is LSU’s new policy on remote working that gives guidance and outlines the various criteria to be considered when an employee wishes to work remotely. It is important to understand that in order for an employee to work remotely, their department head and leadership within their chain of command must agree their position is a good fit and approve them to work remotely. For situations in which an employee is jointly appointed and reports to more than one unit/supervisor, it is recommended that leadership within both units discuss and support the arrangement prior to its execution as best practice.

ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES FOR CLASSROOMS

- All classrooms at LSU will be at a 50 percent occupancy rate, and everyone is required to wear a mask properly over their nose and mouth.
- Classrooms will be cleaned using the CDC’s enhanced cleaning protocols, and classrooms will also be stocked with cleaning supplies so that students and faculty can wipe down their desks before and after each class.
- To ensure the 50 percent occupancy rate, immovable chairs in classrooms have been zip-tied so students cannot sit in them, and half of all movable chairs in classrooms have been removed and stacked in the back of the room and shrink-wrapped so they cannot be used.
- Masks are especially important in areas where six feet of physical distance cannot be achieved, whether that is in classrooms, hallways, stairwells, elevators, or elsewhere.
- Larger classes with higher numbers of students have been moved online, and most classes are being held in larger spaces to allow for students to spread out.
ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES FOR OFFICES

- Use technology to limit in-person group meetings.
- Use remote work and staggered schedules where and when possible.
- Remove chairs in large meeting rooms to limit capacity and promote physical distancing.
- Arrange for floor markings to indicate ideal seating arrangements.
- Make operational changes to avoid contact with others and promote physical distancing.
- Post campus signage in waiting areas/lobbies to instruct visitors to wear masks.
- Create entry and exit plans for staff.
- Identify and restrict common areas where people are likely to congregate and interact, or enforce physical distancing protocols.

EVENTS

Effective Wednesday, November 4, all meetings and events will have the following updated guidelines:

- All meetings and events not serving alcohol will be limited to 250 in-person attendees or 50 percent capacity of the room or meeting location (as determined by the State Fire Marshal), whichever is less.
- All meetings and events serving alcohol will be limited to 50 in-person attendees or 50 percent capacity of the room or meeting location (as determined by the State Fire Marshal), whichever is less.

All meetings and events with more than 10 in-person attendees will continue to require EOC approval. Registered student organizations will obtain that approval through the existing TigerLink event approval process. Departments and off-campus organizations will have a separate EOC approval form. Please be prepared to address the following items during the submission process: meeting location capacity, protocol of managing attendees within capacity restrictions, and protocol for encouraging physical distancing and mask requirements.

If you have an upcoming event that has already received EOC approval and you would like to increase the capacity in accordance with these new guidelines, please submit a new request.

Visit the Roadmap to Fall website for complete Meeting & Event Guidelines.
Despite the challenges we have all faced in 2020, our primary goal remains the same: to protect your well-being and deliver on our promise of a top-tier education. As a member of one of the most accomplished and diverse classes LSU has ever welcomed, we know you will do your part to protect the well-being of your fellow students, just as we all do our part to protect yours. Whether you are taking classes on campus or remotely, our expectation is that you follow the guidelines set forth in this document. Adaptations to the academic calendar, classroom settings, and other facets of campus life are outlined below.

**SAFETY PROTOCOLS**

LSU is committed to safety protocols, which are outlined on page 4, to help keep you healthy.

- **Face coverings must be worn in the classroom and in any public spaces, particularly when circumstances place you within six feet of another person.** Students should provide their own face covering.
- **Stay home if you experience any signs of illness or feel sick.**
- **Take care to follow health and safety guidelines in your living spaces and during social interactions.**
- **Be sure to complete your symptom checker task every morning.**
ACADEMIC CALENDAR

The LSU academic calendar has been adjusted for fall 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the need to limit travel among the campus community.

- The fall semester and on-campus instruction will begin as planned on August 24.
- The Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 7, is still in effect.
- Fall Holiday, which was scheduled for October 8-9, will be canceled.
- After the Thanksgiving Holiday, which will be held November 25-27, students will not return to campus. All remaining class meetings after Thanksgiving, as well as final exams, will be held online.

The above changes to the academic calendar do not apply to students enrolled in the LSU Online program, or to students in the Paul M. Hebert Law Center and the School of Veterinary Medicine, as those programs operate on separate academic calendars from the rest of the university. Those entities will communicate directly with their students about their academic calendars.

Please Note

We are making updates to the fall course offerings to allow for proper physical distancing, which may result in room changes to some scheduled courses and/or making some additional courses remote. You may see some of these changes to your schedule as we make these updates, and LSU will let you know once the updates are complete.
CLASSROOM GUIDELINES

Classrooms will abide by a maximum 50 percent occupancy rate, face coverings will be required, classroom podiums will be situated more than six feet away from student seating, and there will be enhanced cleaning throughout the buildings. One-way hallways and planned ingress and egress from classrooms will dictate traffic flow, so please pay attention to directional signage.

- Classes of 100 or more students will be online with few exceptions.
- Classes with between 11-99 students will meet in designated rooms with full or partial/alternating in-person attendance days, unless faculty members have scheduled to hold these courses online.
- Classes with 10 or fewer students may meet as scheduled, unless faculty members have scheduled to hold these courses online.

Faculty and graduate assistants are prepared to instruct students who are required to self-isolate at any point in the semester. Live streaming and/or a lecture capture software will be universally implemented.

Through July, we are making updates to the fall course offerings to allow for proper physical distancing, which may result in room changes to some scheduled courses and/or making some additional courses remote. Students may see some of these changes to their schedules as we make these updates, and LSU will let students know once the updates are complete.

HIGH-RISK STUDENTS

LSU is concerned about the health of our students and understands that while everyone is at risk for getting COVID-19 if exposed to the virus, certain populations may be at greater risk for serious complications, according to the CDC. Among those are older adults, particularly those 65 or older, and people with underlying health conditions such as:

- Chronic kidney disease
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), asthma, or other lung impairments
- Immunocompromised conditions
- Heart conditions
- Diabetes
- Obesity (BMI greater than 30)
- Sickle cell disease
- High blood pressure
- Cystic fibrosis

Please refer to the CDC website for more information on underlying conditions and COVID-19. If you have a documented health issue, LSU encourages you to take active measures to ensure your safety.

What if I have a disability and need assistance with remote classes?

A student with disabilities should register with LSU Disability Services to receive accommodations for course work and/or testing. Information on how to do this is on the Disability Services website: lsu.edu/disability/.
Disability Services continues to register and provide assistance to students with disabilities and their faculty. New and returning students with disabilities can make an appointment with Disability Services via phone or Zoom.

Most in-class accommodations will apply to all methods of online instruction, although some may apply differently.

Students who are approved for testing accommodations will still be allowed to receive them. Given that the course instruction and testing will now be in various online formats, the application of the accommodation may be different than what students and faculty usually receive. Disability Services will work with all registered students and their faculty to sort out any difficulties which may arise.

The first step is for a student to email their faculty to find out the planned format of the exams. For example, if the exam is being done online through ProctorU, the faculty member will need to inform the company of the accommodations students are allowed. As students are taking exams remotely, accommodations such as a reader and/or scribe will need to be arranged in advance by selecting someone within their scope of acquaintances to assist them.

If concerned, students should reach out to Disability Services as early as possible at disability@lsu.edu or 225-578-5919 so solutions can be found as quickly as possible.

What if I don’t want to attend classes in person this fall?
If you feel safer staying remote, please contact your academic advisor as soon as possible. LSU will work with you to try to help build you a schedule of remote courses that will still keep you on track toward graduation. This will depend on what courses you need, what your major is, and how close you are to graduation, but all efforts will be made to accommodate you.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
If you have COVID-19 symptoms or traveled from a CDC warning area, you are required to self-quarantine for 14 days. If you arrive in the U.S. less than two weeks prior to the start of the semester, contact your faculty members and advisors to let them know you are required to self-quarantine and that you need access to the work to keep up.

FEES AND TUITION QUESTIONS
Will there be any discounts on tuition and fees this fall?
LSU intends to be open for on-campus instruction this fall. All facilities and services will be available to students, and all courses, whether in-person, remote, or a hybrid of the two will earn course credit. Therefore, there is no plan to issue discounts or refunds for any fees or tuition costs.

Tuition and fees enable the university to be ready to operate on the first day of the semester and help LSU cover expenses associated with instruction, student services, and general university operations. Even though all students will likely have hybrid or
remote classes, we must still maintain all buildings and facilities and must still pay the faculty who are delivering instruction and the employees who are providing services to students, whether the classes are online or in person.

Regardless of the mode of delivery, we will still provide the same high-quality education to students, who will still be receiving their degrees from the state’s flagship university. We will not sacrifice quality because of the pandemic. Students will still get the education that they are paying for; the mode of delivery for some classes will just be different.

**Will I still have to pay the nonresident fee?**

The fee for nonresident students is unchanged because LSU is partially funded by the state of Louisiana and its residents through a variety of taxes. Essentially, a Louisiana resident pays a lower cost because they are also supporting the university through tax dollars. The nonresident fee is assessed in lieu of that tax support contributed by state residents and is unrelated to whether a course is delivered in-person or online.

**Why do students in the LSU Online program pay different costs and follow different schedules than “traditional” students?**

LSU Online is a distinct programmatic unit that operates on a separate calendar, with six eight-week terms offered throughout the year, as opposed to the more “traditional” fall/spring/summer/intersession calendar. Courses are designed differently and program availability and offerings are different, so costs are not comparable.

- For information on financial aid and scholarships for LSU students, visit [lsu.edu/financialaid](http://lsu.edu/financialaid).
- For more information on payment plans for fall tuition, visit [lsu.edu/administration/ofa/oas/bur/registration.php](http://lsu.edu/administration/ofa/oas/bur/registration.php).
- For more information on LSU Online programs and pricing, visit [online.lsu.edu](http://online.lsu.edu).
- For more information on payment options for LSU Online, visit [online.lsu.edu/payment-options-online-degree](http://online.lsu.edu/payment-options-online-degree).

**STUDENT RESOURCES**

The following student resources have been altered in order to accommodate new safety protocols for fall 2020. This is not an exhaustive list of resources available to you, so please reach out to your academic advisor, Student Affairs, or the appropriate department if you need assistance. We are here to help your fall semester go smoothly and ensure you excel academically.

**Student Health Center**

The LSU Student Health Center is open and committed to meeting the health and wellness needs of students with telehealth visits in the Medical Clinic, Mental Health Service, and Wellness and Health Promotion. In addition, onsite Medical Clinic visits and COVID-19 testing are available, by appointment only, and onsite priority visits are available in Mental Health Service and Wellness and Health Promotion, as needed. Please visit [lsu.edu/shc](http://lsu.edu/shc) for details.
Dining Options
LSU Dining will offer packaged meals, limited seating, and take-away options. No self-service will be offered at this time. Dining staff will take extra precautions to keep themselves and students safe. Facilities will be thoroughly cleaned multiple times each day, surfaces will be continuously cleaned and disinfected, and hand sanitizer will be available at entrances and exits.

Dining halls and retail services will have designated entrances and exits, and use plexiglass barriers to separate cashiers and guests when physical distancing is not allowed due to limited space. Capacity in our dining halls will also be limited in accordance with CDC and state guidelines.

Dining Frequently Asked Questions
Q: Since I’m not coming back to campus after Thanksgiving, will my meal plan be prorated?
A: Yes. LSU Dining has reduced the cost of fall semester meal plans in accordance with the shortened in-person semester. Students will see a credit on their fee bills for the reduced amount of the meal plan. Fall semester meal plans will end on November 25, 2020. For more information on meal plans, visit lsudining.com. For more information on the shortened in-person semester, visit lsu.edu/coronavirus/messages/email/06-26-academic-calendar.php.

Q: I am not going home for Thanksgiving, and have made arrangements with Residential Life to stay in on-campus housing until the end of the semester. Will I be able to eat in the dining halls after Thanksgiving?
A: No. The LSU Dining Halls will be closed after Wednesday, November 25, 2020, and the cost of meal plans has been pro-rated accordingly. Any students who remain on campus after Thanksgiving should make other dining arrangements. Please check back on LSU Dining’s website later this fall for any updates: lsudining.com.

Libraries
LSU Library is open daily with added precautions and procedures for health and safety. The building will close each evening for enhanced cleaning, and masks and social distancing are required in the building. Hill Memorial Library is open by appointment only.

Many services and resources are available online, and remote assistance is available through the “AskUs” link at lib.lsu.edu. Visit the library website for up-to-date information about hours of operation procedures to obtain books, articles, and research assistance.
University Recreation

LSU University Recreation (UREC) will be open; however, precautions will be taken for safety. Building capacity will be limited to 25 percent. Each fitness area will be capped at maximum capacity for the space, guests are expected to practice appropriate physical distancing, and equipment will be rotated every four hours. Cashless transactions will be the only option to pay for equipment and services. Visit lsuuniversityrec.com for further details.

Quiet Zones for Virtual Classes

For students on campus who need a quiet space to use for virtual class time, there are dedicated Quiet Zones around campus, open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.:

- Allen Hall, Room 131 (20 spaces)
- Coates Hall, Room 130 (20 spaces)
- Coates Hall, Room 234 (20 spaces)
- Tureaud Hall, Room 215 (20 spaces)
- Library Study Carrels (Two floors – 100 total)
- LSU Library, Room 232 (15 spaces)
- Student Union Quiet Zone (20 spaces)
- Student Union, Evangeline Room (12 spaces)
- Barnes & Noble Event Room (25 spaces)

Additional spaces may be added as the semester progresses.

Tiger Card

The Tiger Card is your official LSU ID card that will help you gain access to everything you need on campus, from your residential hall and meal plan to athletic events and the UREC. To expedite the process of getting your Tiger Card and so it will be ready for you upon your arrival to campus, you must electronically submit a photo by visiting the Tiger Card Photo Upload Portal. Once approved and printed, residential students will receive their Tiger Card at their scheduled move-in appointment. Commuter students will need to visit the Tiger Card Office, located on the first floor of the LSU Student Union, to pick up their Tiger Card.

If you have any questions concerning the Tiger Card or photo upload process, please call 225-578-4300 or email tigercard@lsu.edu.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS LIVING ON CAMPUS

New policies and procedures have been implemented for residence halls, residential colleges, and campus apartments to help protect residents. If you have questions at any time, please contact your Resident Assistant, front desk, or the Department of Residential Life. Visit lsu.edu/housing for more details.

Move-in Day

Move-in timeframes/appointments will be assigned based on room location. Appointment times will be two hours in length, running from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and allow for spacing between floors of the building and maximum physical space between rooms on floors where multiple move-ins need to occur simultaneously. Roommates will be assigned to move in at the same time.

The following guidelines will be used in all communities to maximize safety for students moving in and family members assisting them:

- No more than two individuals may accompany a student moving into the community
- Face coverings will be required in all common areas of residential communities on Move-in Day and throughout the fall semester
- Elevators will be limited to a capacity of three people
- Stairwells will be designated up or down to encourage physical distancing

Residential Halls Cleaning and Sanitation

LSU residence halls, residential colleges, and campus apartments have new sanitation procedures to help minimize risk for community members, including frequent, enhanced cleaning of common spaces and the use of electrostatic sprayers. Custodial staff will fully clean community bathrooms twice a day. Suite and apartment bathrooms will continue receiving detailed cleaning once per week. In addition, capacity in our residence halls will be limited in accordance with CDC and state guidelines.

EVENTS

To further promote a safe environment on campus, all meetings and events during the fall 2020 semester will be limited to 50 in-person attendees. Additionally, all indoor meetings and events will be limited to a maximum of 50 percent capacity of the room or meeting location. All in-person attendees will be required to follow CDC guidelines for physical distancing and face coverings, when appropriate.

All meetings and events over 10 in-person attendees will require EOC written approval. Student organizations will obtain that approval through the existing TigerLink event approval process, while departments and off-campus organizations will have a separate EOC approval form.
We look forward to welcoming you back to campus and having a wonderful fall semester. The guidelines outlined here are in place to keep our community safe and well as we focus on education. Procedures and protocols are subject to change according to local, state, federal, and CDC guidelines.

Visit [lsu.edu/roadmap](http://lsu.edu/roadmap) for the most recent information.

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