COVID-19 Exposure Control Protocol

Beginning in 2019, a pandemic has been ongoing well into 2020, and there is no expectation for an end anytime in the near future. The University of New Orleans (UNO) is dedicated to keeping students, faculty, staff, volunteers, and visitors safe while on our campus or affiliated areas. UNO has established a thorough Return to Campus Guide. All aspects of this guide must be followed in addition to the information listed below.

Although many UNO affiliates are teleworking during this time, specific instances are granted for affiliates to voluntarily enter campus and/or affiliated areas. If you choose to come on-site, the following precautions should be taken:

►►► **Social Distancing:** If there are more than 1 person working in a space, a face covering is required. There should be a minimum of 6 feet per occupied space. Please refer to the Return to Campus Guide for full social distancing requirements.

►►► **Hygiene:** All persons that enter UNO are required to disinfect their hands upon entry and exit into/out of each space they occupy. No water fountains are in use, so bring your own water. Please refer to the Return to Campus Guide for full hygiene requirements.

►►► **Disinfection:** A large misconception during this time is that if you purchase any disinfectant and use it routinely, you are protecting yourself from the virus. The CDC has collected several disinfectants that have been known to kill similar viruses and provided a list here. Check to ensure whichever disinfectant you are using, or plan to use, is on the list, or has the same ingredient list and concentrations as an item on the list. The biggest issue in regards to proper disinfection is that individuals are ignoring the column titled Contact Time. Ensure you are applying the disinfectant and waiting for full contact time before wiping. Several disinfectants’ contact times are up to 10 minutes. Set a timer after application to ensure proper contact time and therefore, proper disinfection.

►►► **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):** All persons are required to wear a face covering indoors if they are occupying a space with any other person, no matter how large the space is. People conversing outdoors that are less than 6 feet apart must also wear face coverings. Gloves may be worn in communal areas as long as they are changed frequently as you enter/exit spaces. Please refer to the Return to Campus Guide for full PPE requirements.

Extra Precautions Required for Face to Face (F2F) Human Research!
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- **Keep your lab and yourself clean**! This is a standard housekeeping practice that should be especially important during pregnancy or potential pregnancy. Keep surfaces clean and decontaminated. Change PPE often. Wash your hands excessively.

- **Know your chemical inventory and read the SDSs**! It is very important that you are aware of all of the chemicals that are in your lab. You can find this information by consulting your chemical inventory for the lab and reading the corresponding SDSs.

- **Wear your PPE and dosimetry badges**! Double check your PPE before doffing to ensure it is not torn or otherwise damaged and that you have your dosimetry badge(s) if you’re working with radioactive materials.

If you have any questions about the contents of this Fact Sheet, contact the UNO Lab Safety Officer at labsafety@uno.edu.