THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO

Return to Campus Safely
Goal of the Return to Work Training

- Increase knowledge about COVID-19
- Increase safety awareness in the time of COVID-19
Symptoms of COVID-19

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Individuals may experience **one or more** of these symptoms.
MINERS TAKE CARE OF MINERS
protect yourself, and others, by following these tips

1. WEAR FACE COVERING
2. PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING
3. WASH YOUR HANDS OFTEN WITH SOAP

IF YOU’RE SICK, STAY HOME
Face Coverings and Masks

Face coverings and masks reduce risk of transmission of COVID-19.

- **Tips on Covering Your Face/Mask Wear:**
  - Place your mask over your mouth and nose.
  - Don't touch your mask while wearing it.
  - Wash or sanitize your hands if you touch your mask.
Face Coverings and Masks

- **Tips on Covering Your Face/Mask Wear:**
  - Remove mask by lifting from straps without touching the front of the mask or your face.
  - Wash your hands immediately after removing your mask.
  - Regularly wash your mask with soap and water.
Maintaining Social Distance

• Limiting face-to-face contact with others is the best way to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

• Minimum separation distance between individuals should be at least six (6) feet.

• Stay out of crowded places and avoid mass gatherings to reduce transmission/contamination risk.
Social Distancing on Campus

• Follow instructions on signage to facilitate appropriate social distancing.

• Be vigilant in spaces, such as:
  • Closed spaces
  • Elevators
  • Entranceways to buildings
  • Staircases
  • Walkways
Maintaining Social Distance

• Activities that increase the force of exhalation or the depth of inhalation (e.g., singing, yelling or exercising) increase the risk of the virus spreading.

PICKS UP! 6 ft. apart
Throwing Picks: The UTEP Way to Greet!

• No shaking hands and no hugging!
• Maintain a social distance of at least 6 feet.

• Throw up a pick to say hello, throw up two to make it extra!
Hand Washing

When to wash?

• After touching an item or surface that may be frequently touched by other people
• Before touching your eyes, nose or mouth
• After going to the bathroom
• After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
• Before and after eating

REMEMBER to wash your hands for at least 20 seconds!
Appropriate Office Layouts

• Allow at least six feet of space between individual workstations.

• Limit touchable surfaces and the need to place hands on counters, desks, and/or supplies.

• Provide COVID/health supplies in a visible, centralized location in the office.

• Place sanitizers near frequently touched surfaces.
Centralizing Supplies

Each office should have a central supply station that includes:

• Masks
• Wipes
• Hand sanitizer
• Guidelines for usage
• Announcements related to the health and wellness of campus
Cleaning Protocols

• Public spaces, classrooms, and laboratories should be cleaned with higher intensity!

• Develop plan to periodically clean surfaces that are frequently touched by others (e.g., doorknobs, countertops, photocopiers)

• Also:
  • Do not leave pens, pencils, or supplies in common spaces
  • When in doubt, wipe surfaces that are in front of you and equipment too (keyboards, projectors, etc.)
Be Miner Vigilant About Certain Risk Conditions

• COVID-19 is especially dangerous for people who
  • Are of advanced age
  • Have an underlying medical condition

• All employees should review this CDC webpage for a list of medical conditions that are associated with more severe cases of COVID
  • Work with your manager or UTEP Human Resources for accommodations if you or someone in your household has an underlying medical condition
If You’re Ill, Stay at Home

Faculty, staff, and students MUST stay home if they:

• test positive for COVID-19;
• were exposed to any individual who tested positive for COVID-19 within the last two weeks; or
• are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19.
Protect others, report illness and symptoms

- Faculty, staff, and students **MUST report** if they
  - test positive for COVID-19;
  - were exposed to any individual who tested positive for COVID-19 within the last two weeks; or
  - are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19.

**Contact:** [https://screening.utep.edu](https://screening.utep.edu) to comply with reporting and screening requirements!

- Faculty, staff and students **MUST complete a COVID-19 screening** before coming to campus.
Returning to Work

• UTEP Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) will provide individual guidance if individuals must stay at home due to a positive COVID-19 test, COVID-19 exposure, or COVID-19 symptoms.

• Individuals who must stay at home may work remotely if they are able to work.

• Contact Human Resources at HRLeaveAdmin@utep.edu with questions about leave
Pro-active UTEP COVID-19 Testing Program

UTEP will **test for COVID-19** in the fall

- Will help rapidly identify individuals who have COVID-19 and do not have symptoms so they can isolate and avoid spreading it to others
- Will focus on faculty, staff, and students who are on campus

Help us stop the spread!

- Agree to participate in this voluntary testing program
- Get tested when invited for testing at one of several on-campus locations
THANKS, MINERS
FOR BEING SAFE, RESPONSIBLE,
and following all procedures
Additional Resources

Questions or seeking assistance? The following UTEP departments and external resources can help:

Human Resources – 747-5202 or hrs@utep.edu

Environmental Health and Safety – 747-7124 or eh&s@utep.edu

Counseling and Psychological Services – 747-5302 or CAPS@utep.edu

Campus Police – 747-5611 or police@utep.edu

Employee Assistance Program (EAP) through Deer Oaks –

**Toll-Free Helpline:** 1-866-327-2400; via **Email:** eap@deeroaks.com;

**Website:** https://www.deeroakseap.com
