# Lehigh University

## Environmental Health and Safety

### Preparing to Work in a COVID-19 Environment

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<th>PPE - Protect Yourself</th>
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<td><strong>In certain situations</strong>, such as working with flammable chemicals, it may not be advisable to wear a paper respirator. A face shield can provide respiratory protection along with protection for your eyes in such circumstances. Be sure to clean all PPE before and after using.</td>
<td><strong>Stay Six Feet Apart When Possible!</strong></td>
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<td>Keep it Clean - Properly dispose of used PPE, such as gloves or masks, in a way that it does not come into contact with others. Remember to help protect our maintenance workers by bagging masks and turning the gloves inside out.</td>
<td>Wear a mask in a shared work area.</td>
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**What To Expect**

The COVID-19 Pandemic has had a major impact on nearly everyone’s life in one manner or another. At least for the next few months the campus environment will be noticeably different.

**You will be asked** to follow social distancing measures by maintaining a distance of six feet.

**You will be asked** to wear a mask whenever entering and walking through a building.

**You will be asked** to sanitize your work area and any equipment you may use. Keep your lab clean.

There will be more online meetings and less direct contact with staff or faculty.

There will be noticeably less people on campus as some staff will work from home.

While it was once thought to be noble to go to work even if you weren’t feeling well, this is no longer the case. **If you are not feeling well - stay home.** This will help protect others in your department.

Wash your hands often for at least 20 seconds. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.

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There are many changes occurring at Lehigh University to ensure the safety and well-being of our students, staff and faculty during the COVID-19 crisis. Many departments have been working together to get Lehigh ready for the new school year by identifying areas of concern and making changes to improve the work and learning environment.

Some of these changes are obvious such as social distancing posters and banners, plexiglass barriers, furniture that is taped off, water fountains that no longer work and hand air dryers that are disconnected. There will be more open spaces and more outdoor seating areas.

Other changes may not be so evident. Classroom and lab layouts are reviewed to allow for the most maximum use of space and for one-way traffic flow. There will be less in person meetings as faculty, staff and students will use Zoom for online meetings. This new era requires that we become more diligent in maintaining clean work areas. Lab benches must be clean and equipment sanitized so that the next user is certain to be working in a clean and safe environment.

Contact Environmental Health and Safety if you have concerns about your work environment.

For more information visit the Lehigh University Coronavirus (COVID-19) website at https://coronavirus.lehigh.edu/