

# **Program and Event Guidelines**

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## **CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES ON CAMPUS**

Co-curricular activities are essential to the holistic education of the student. However, some co-curricular activities may be equally efficacious when delivered and engaged in remotely as when delivered in the face-to-face mode.

Activities such as clubs, lectures, fraternities/sororities, study sessions, etc. that occur face-to-face will observe the limitations on the size of gatherings established by local public health authorities and based on university guidance and the space used. All face-to-face co-curricular activities will be expected to observe the precautions recommended by local health authorities at the time to limit the spread of, and exposure to, COVID-19 (e.g., physical distancing, face-coverings).

In order to provide clarity, any time "events" is used in the document, it is referring to a group of invited individuals coming together for a face-to-face gathering. Examples of those gatherings would include meetings, lectures, banquets, luncheons, workshops, fairs, and exhibitor tables, etc.

## **CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES OFF CAMPUS**

Activities such as student organization events, clubs, lectures, fraternities/sororities, study sessions, etc. that occur off campus and face-to-face will observe the limitations on the size of gatherings established by the State of Texas, local public health authorities and university guidance. All face-to-face activities will be expected to observe the precautions recommended by local health authorities at the time to limit the spread of, and exposure to, COVID-19 (e.g., physical distancing, face-coverings). As a guide to help in this process, here are some examples to ensure the safety of those attending your event.

- All individuals must wear face-coverings for any indoor event. Guests are permitted to remove masks while actively eating and drinking. Face-coverings must be placed back on directly after finishing the meal.
- All individuals must wear face-coverings for any outdoor event when attendees can not reliably maintain 6 feet of separation.
- Any outdoor gathering in excess of 10 people is prohibited unless the mayor of the city in which the gathering is held, or the county judge in the case of a gathering in an unincorporated area, approves the gathering.
- Indoor facilities used for events will be limited to 50% of the facility's total listed occupancy.
  - Configuration of the event space should have attendees maintain 6 feet of separation except individuals living in the same household.
- Any event that includes food service must comply with Bi-County Health Department regulations and guidelines. It is strongly recommended to use Aramark or a licensed food service provider. For questions regarding Health Department codes and regulations they can be reached at 806-378-6300.

## **USE OF FACILITIES BY EXTERNAL GROUPS**

External groups using university facilities for events held on campus should not resume any earlier than July 6, and then only when expectations of social distancing and crowd size are equal to or less than those standards set in the *"Transition Dates for Events"* section of these guidelines. Use of facilities by external groups should only be approved if the use advances the mission of the university.

Large scale non-university events require a significant amount of planning and oversite to be successful. In order to ensure that these events have the proper procedures in place to protect the attendees and the university community, all non-university events with 50 or more attendees must have approval from the Program and Event Committee with possible approval from the WTAMU executive leadership. The WTAMU executive leadership team will have final approval for all non-university events with more than 250 attendees. Requests for approvals (at all attendee levels) must be submitted **at least 30 days** prior to the event date. All requests should be submitted using the <u>Program and Events Request Form.</u>

As non-university events are planned, please follow these helpful guidelines:

- All non-university events will be required to have contact information (name, phone, and email) of all invited guests, available upon request. This information will only be used for contact tracing purposes.
- All event guests must certify their current health status when entering the event venue. Most
  university facilities will already have signage promoting social distancing, face-coverings, and
  communicating the self-assessment process. If the event is located in an area without pre-posted
  signage, signage will then need to be on display. Only university approved signs and posters should be
  placed around campus. If additional signs are needed for signage that is not already established, please
  contact the event venue to determine your signage needs.
  - In order to simplify the process, all guests (upon entry into the event venue and their continued presence at the event) will have signified that they:
    - Have not been determined to be COVID-19 positive,
    - Do not have COVID-19 symptoms,
    - Have not been in the presence of anyone they knew to be COVID-19 positive in the last 14 days, and
    - In the last 14 days have not returned from travel or traveled through an area with state or local travel restrictions that mandate quarantine upon arrival home.
- While the WTAMU enjoys having non-university events on campus, they are not included under the umbrella of "university sponsored activities and events". Consequently, non-university events held at on-campus outdoor venues, with more than 10 attendees, must have additional approval from the mayor for the City of Canyon.

### **PROGRAMS AND EVENTS WITH MINORS**

For 2020, programs for minors can begin after July 14, 2020, per the Open-Texas guidelines with the State of Texas and the Texas A&M University System guidelines.

- Any program for minors must have prior approval from the WTAMU executive leadership prior to any marketing and/or program announcements being released. Those requests should be submitted using the <u>Program and Events Request Form.</u>
- Programs for minors may only be day programs recommended at less than 4 hours per gathering. Event organizers wanting to exceed the 4 hour recommendation should submit their request using the <u>Program and Events Request Form.</u>
- Any gathering of more than 2 people must have appropriate facemask or face-coverings and practice social distancing.
- Parent signed releases and certification of COVID-free participants will be required.
- WTAMU programs for minors will require insurance, as well as trained and background-checked workers.

## SPACE LIMITATIONS AND CAPACITIES

Planning an event in the world of new capacities and space limitations can be a challenging ordeal. In order to provide some guidance for all the different event venues across campus, please use the following guidelines to ensure your space and event attendance expectations are compatible.

**Indoor Spaces** – When buildings are designed, occupant loading is used to determine the minimum number of exits, doors, stairs, room configuration, etc. necessary to safely evacuate people during an emergency. These amounts are set by the national fire codes. A classroom that has maximum capacity of 30 when the room is setup with tables and chairs (taking into consideration with exits, doors, etc.) will now have an adjusted maximum capacity in accordance with the current COVID-19 physical distancing guidance from public health authorities. The different stages for events (provided below) has the information on what the new adjusted percentages will be and when.

• As a general rule, when adjusting the capacity to account for true social distancing (more than 6 feet between all individuals), this will significantly impact the rooms capacities.

Most event venues have a good understanding of the space's capacity based on the setup of the room. If needing further assistance in determining the room capacities for your space, contact Stan Pena at 806.651.2939 or <u>spena@wtamu.edu</u>, or Rob Thompson at 806.651.2134 or <u>rthompson@wtamu.edu</u>.

**Open Space Areas** - Determining capacities for open spaces (i.e. Lawn areas, courtyards, pedestrian malls, open fields, etc.) will be dependent on the size and setup of the space. Use the guidelines below to determine

the right space for the expected attendance at your event. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE ARE JUST FOR OUTDOOR SPACES.** 

- Open area with no tables/chairs the standard capacity for an open area 100 square feet in size with no equipment is 11 individuals. At 50% capacity for that same space, the new capacity will be 5 individuals.
- Banquet style tables will be limited to 4 individuals per table and the tables should be setup with no less than 7 feet of distance between them.

Any campus requests (departments and student organizations) to host an event that will exceed the current space capacity must request approval through the Program and Events Committee. All events with more than 250 people in attendance will have final approval from the WTAMU executive leadership team. All requests for approval must be submitted at **least 30 days** prior to the event. All requests should be submitted using the <u>Program and Events Request Form.</u>

It is understood that there are different groups/events on campus that must adhere to governing bodies (outside to WTAMU) to which they belong. These governing bodies may have different standards to which they must follow:

- Intercollegiate Athletics
  - All Athletics programs (strength and conditioning, practices, and competitions) will follow the guidelines put forth by the State of Texas, Texas A&M University System, and the NCAA.
- Canyon ISD, Amarillo ISD, and University Interscholastic League (UIL)
  - These organizations will follow the standards put forth by their governing bodies but would also not go beyond the capacity standards put forth on WTAMU facilities.

## **EVENT RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Virtual events are going to continue to be a critical part of the event planning process going forward. Whenever possible, it is highly recommended to move events to the virtual setting (Zoom, WebEx, Microsoft Teams, etc.) instead of the face-to-face setting. If moving the entire event to the virtual setting is not possible, it is encouraged to incorporate a virtual component to ensure that attendees that need/want to view the program remotely have that option available.
  - If assistance is needed, please contact the venue's Event Coordinator for more specific information on the space/venue virtual hosting capabilities.
- Careful consideration should be applied when determining the venue capacity and the number of attendees invited to the event. This will be helpful in promoting social distancing and ensuring that attendees don't exceed the new venue capacities.
- Ensure a process in which attendees waiting in line to enter a venue are maintaining at least 6 feet of distance between one another.

- Make sure to have a process in place where invited guest contact information (name, telephone, and e-mail) is gathered prior to the event and will be available upon request.
  - In order to simplify the contact tracing process and provide an electronic alternative, event coordinators can use the <u>Event Contact Form</u>.
  - Event coordinators can use other methods to complete the contact tracing process, but the information must be completed before guests enter the event venue or before the event begins.
- Provide sufficient time between events to adequately clean/sanitize the event space before permitting occupancy by another group/organization.
- Promote messaging that encourage participants to follow social distancing guidelines and discourages workers or attendees that feel ill from attending the event.
  - Ensure signage is posted that notifies guests that their presence at the event signifies that they have completed the self-health assessment.
- During the event, display signs reminding participants of social distancing standards and how they complete preventive measures.
- Eliminate self-serve food options like open chips and dip, and open cookie platers. Most Aramark menu items are available but will be prepackaged depending on the size of the order. Design food options to be single serving (grab-and-go) instead. Depending of the service needs, extra labor charges may apply. Contact Aramark Catering at (806) 651-2707 if you have any questions or need catering assistance.
  - Remember that if an external caterer is approved as an on-campus caterer, they must also follow the standards put forth in these guidelines.
- Wear gloves and facemasks or face-coverings while distributing/serving food to event attendees in accordance with the applicable Health Department guidelines and the Texas A&M System guidelines.
- Events held in large open spaces need to program their activities so that the maximum capacities are not exceeded at any time during the event.
- In general practice, all staff should follow simple measures to lower the risk and prevent the spread of viruses (not shaking hands, practice social distancing, wear a face mask, etc.). Handwashing facilities and alcohol-based sanitizers should be made readily available for employees and guests.
- Setups and configurations can have a significant impact on the success of your event. Event coordinators should use these setup standards to ensure social distancing standards are maintained.
  - Banquet style tables will be limited to 4 individuals per table and tables should be setup with no less than 7 feet of distance between them.
  - Classroom Style each table will be limited to 1 person per table.
  - Theater style seating should have 6 feet between chairs, from side to side and front to back.
  - Fixed seating keep at least two empty seats between parties in any row, except when two or more member of the same household or when two individuals who are not members of the same household but who are attending together. These individuals can sit adjacent to one another with two seats empty on either side.

• Registration, Fairs, and Exhibitor Tables – each table will be limited to 2 people per table, with each person located on each end of the table. Multiple table setups should have at least 6 feet between tables.

## TRANSITION DATES FOR EVENTS

Stage 1 - (May 18, 2020)

- No events on campus.
- Essential and 25% of campus staff are back on campus

#### Stage 2 - (June 15, 2020)

- Indoor events are limited to no more than 15 individuals.
- Outdoor events are limited to no more than 50 individuals.
- All attendees should maintain 6 feet of separation (known or not known) except individuals living in the same household.
- Groups cannot exceed 15 individuals.
- All event attendees are required to wear a facemask or face-covering when inside campus facilities, unless a health-related exception exists. Facemasks or face-coverings are also required for outdoor events, where attendees cannot reliably maintain 6 feet of separation.
- All events must develop and execute a process in which attendee contact information (name, telephone, and e-mail) is gathered prior to the event and available upon request.
- All event guests must certify their current health status prior to entering the event venue. In order to
  simplify the process, all guests (upon entry into the event venue) will have signified that they have not
  been determined to be COVID-19 positive, do not have COVID-19 symptoms, have not been in the
  presence of anyone they knew to be COVID-19 positive in the last 14 days, and in the last 14 days have
  not returned from travel or traveled through an area with state or local travel restrictions that
  mandate quarantine upon arrival home.
- Essential and 50% of campus staff are back on campus

#### **Stage 3** - (July 6, 2020)

- Indoor events are limited to 25% of the rooms standard space capacity (i.e. If a room is listed to have a space capacity of 100 in theatre style, the new room capacity will now be 25).
- Outdoor events are limited to 50% of the space's standard capacity.
- All events are limited to no more than 50 10 attendees.

- All attendees should maintain 6 feet of separation (known or not known) except individuals living in the same household.
- All event attendees are required to wear a facemask or face-covering when inside campus facilities, unless a health-related exception exists. Facemasks or face-coverings are also required for outdoor events, where attendees cannot reliably maintain 6 feet of separation.
- All events must develop and execute a process in which attendee contact information (name, telephone, and e-mail) is gathered prior to the event and available upon request.
- All event guests must certify their current health status prior to entering the event venue. In order to
  simplify the process, all guests (upon entry into the event venue) will have signified that they have not
  been determined to be COVID-19 positive, do not have COVID-19 symptoms, have not been in the
  presence of anyone they knew to be COVID-19 positive in the last 14 days, and in the last 14 days have
  not returned from travel or traveled through an area with state or local travel restrictions that
  mandate quarantine upon arrival home.
- 100% of campus staff are back on campus

### Stage 4 – (July 31, 2020)

- Indoor events are limited to 25% of the rooms standard space capacity (i.e. If a room is listed to have a space capacity of 100 in theatre style, the new room capacity will now be 25).
- Outdoor events are limited to 50% of the space's standard capacity.
- All events are limited to 75 attendees.
- Requests to host events with more than 75 attendees, should submit at least 30 days prior to the event using the <u>Program and Events Request Form.</u>
- All attendees should maintain 6 feet of separation except individuals living in the same household.
- All event attendees are required to wear a facemask or face-covering when inside campus facilities, unless a health-related exception exists. Facemasks or face-coverings are also required for outdoor events, where attendees cannot reliably maintain 6 feet of separation.
- All events must develop and execute a process in which attendee contact information (name, telephone, and e-mail) is gathered prior to the event and available upon request.
- All event guests must certify their current health status prior to entering the event venue. In order to
  simplify the process, all guests (upon entry into the event venue) will have signified that they have not
  been determined to be COVID-19 positive, do not have COVID-19 symptoms, have not been in the
  presence of anyone they knew to be COVID-19 positive in the last 14 days, and in the last 14 days have
  not returned from travel or traveled through an area with state or local travel restrictions that
  mandate quarantine upon arrival home.
- 100% of campus staff are back on campus

**Stage 5** - (September 1, 2020\*) – *these guidelines will continue through the fall and spring semester.* 

- Indoor in-person events are limited to 50% of the rooms standard space capacity (i.e. If a room is listed to have a space capacity of 100 in theatre style, the new room capacity will now be 50).
- Outdoor events are limited to 75% of the space's standard capacity for the desired setup of the event.
- All indoor events are limited to 125 attendees.
- All outdoor events are limited to 250 attendees.
- UPDATED November 17, 2020:
  - Requests to host events with more than 75 attendees, should submit at least 30 days prior to the event using the <u>Program and Events Request Form.</u>
- All attendees should maintain 6 feet of separation except individuals living in the same household.
- All event attendees are required to wear a facemask or face-covering when inside campus facilities, unless a health-related exception exists. Facemasks or face-coverings are also required for outdoor events, where attendees cannot reliably maintain 6 feet of separation.
- All events must develop and execute a process in which attendee contact information (name, telephone, and e-mail) is gathered prior to the event and available upon request.
- All event guests must certify their current health status prior to entering the event venue. In order to simplify the process, all guests (upon entry into the event venue) will have signified that they have not been determined to be COVID-19 positive, do not have COVID-19 symptoms, have not been in the presence of anyone they knew to be COVID-19 positive in the last 14 days, and in the last 14 days have not returned from travel or traveled through an area with state or local travel restrictions that mandate quarantine upon arrival home.
- 100% of campus staff are back on campus

#### **Stage 6** - (To Be Determined)

- As capacities increase for academic spaces, event space capacities will also increase.
- All attendees should maintain 6 feet of separation except individuals living in the same household.
- All event attendees are required to wear a facemask or face-covering when inside campus facilities, unless a health-related exception exists. Facemasks or face-coverings are also required for outdoor events, where attendees cannot reliably maintain 6 feet of separation.
- All event guests must certify their current health status prior to entering the event venue. In order to
  simplify the process, all guests (upon entry into the event venue) will have signified that they have not
  been determined to be COVID-19 positive, do not have COVID-19 symptoms, have not been in the
  presence of anyone they knew to be COVID-19 positive in the last 14 days, and in the last 14 days have
  not returned from travel or traveled through an area with state or local travel restrictions that
  mandate quarantine upon arrival home.

\*Assuming public health conditions do not change. Updated information released by local, state, and federal agencies may change the anticipated dates for entry into the next stage of the reopening plan.

## WTAMU EMPLOYEES, VENDORS, AND VOLUNTEERS

All WTAMU employees, vendors, and volunteers must follow the most current guidelines put in place within the WT Return to Workplace Guidebook. These guidelines are here to ensure that all WT employees, vendors, volunteers, and the event attendees remain safe throughout the event experience.

- Event coordinators are responsible for ensuring the event does not exceed current venue capacities.
- Event organizers must coordinate the process to collect attendee contact information prior to the event (name, phone, and emails).
- All event workers must be trained on appropriate cleaning and disinfection, hand hygiene, and respiratory etiquette.
- Staff, vendors, and volunteers who are working an event will not count towards the total capacity of attendee attendance. However, if at any time staff and volunteers begin to actively participate in the event activities at the same time as the event attendees, they would then count towards the capacity for the space.
- All event workers must self-certify (prior to starting the shift) that they have not been determined to be COVID-19 positive, do not have COVID-19 symptoms, have not been in the presence of anyone they knew to be COVID-19 positive in the last 14 days, and in the last 14 days have not returned from travel or traveled through an area with state or local travel restrictions that mandate quarantine upon arrival home. Their presence at the event venue signifies that they have completed the self-assessment are not exhibiting any of the signs or symptoms of, or exposure to COVID-19.
- Anytime an event worker is cleaning the event space, they must use an EPA-registered disinfectant such as single-use disinfectant wipes or the multi-surface spray cleaner VIREX II 256. Always use cleaning products as recommended on manufacturer labels, including wearing disposable gloves and facemask where directed.
  - $\circ$  Use these simple instructions for the use of VIREX II256:
    - Pre-Clean heavily soiled areas
    - Apply a light mist to hard, non-porous environment surfaces. To disinfect, all surfaces must remain wet for approximately 10 minutes.
    - Air dry, wipe surfaces to dry and remove residue, or rinse with potable water.
    - Do not use on glassware, utensils, or dishes.

## CATERING REQUIREMENTS

While providing a meal at an event for attendees can be such a great experience, with COVID-19, there are added safety measuring in place to keep everyone safe. Here are some quick tips for handling catering amid the COVID-19 pandemic:

- It is recommended that catered food and beverages be pre-packaged and pre-prepared by Aramark staff with adherence to the strict food handling restrictions that are in place.
- Personal sack lunch or brown bag lunches are approved.
- If a buffet is offered, Aramark employees will prepare and serve all food with strict adherence to food handling guidelines.
- Buffet lines will be one-sided and properly shielded according to the current Health Department guidelines.
- Bottled or canned drinks only. Keurig single-use coffee service is available. New cups are required for refills. Sugar and coffee creamers will be prepackaged.
- Parties must maintain at least 6 feet of distance, including while waiting to be served.
- Disposable flatware, silverware, and glassware will be used until the Health Department regulations allow for the use of china and silverware.
- Remember that if an external caterer is approved by Aramark as an on-campus caterer, they must also follow the standards put forth in these guidelines.

If you have any questions about your specific event and the catering needs, please reach out to Aramark Catering at (806) 651-2707.

## **CLEANING REQUIREMENTS**

It is important that all event spaces are properly cleaned prior to attendees arriving. SSC teams have enhanced their disinfecting and cleaning practices and will be paying special attention to high-traffic areas. In addition to the routine custodial cleaning protocol, the University has instructed SSC to implement an enhanced cleaning frequency to clean and disinfect common areas and commonly touched surfaces in occupied buildings. Event spaces will be sanitizing prior to each day, Monday through Friday. If there are specials circumstances that need to be addressed for your event space, please reach out to the facility manager.

Here are some general tips for cleaning and disinfecting of event spaces:

- Events on the weekend should work with the SSC and the facility manager to ensure that their event space has been disinfected prior to the event.
- If attendees wish to wipe down their workstation, sanitizing wipes will be available in public areas of most facilities.
- If wipes are not available at your event space, you should provide easily accessible disinfectant wipes so attendees can clean their own spaces before and after use, as they desire.
- If using the University provided VIREX II256 spray, make sure to follow the simple instructions below:
  - Pre-clean heavily soiled areas
  - Apply a light mist to hard, non-porous environment surfaces. To disinfect, all surfaces must remain wet for approximately 10 minutes.

- Air dry, wipe surfaces to dry and remove residue, or rinse with potable water. Do not use VIREX on glassware, utensils, or dishes.
- Events occurring on the same day; one after the other, are encouraged to allocate time between events to complete the sanitizing process prior to the start of each new event.

If you have any questions on the disinfecting process, need to request training and a supply of VIREX II256, or any other questions about cleaning, please reach out to SSC at (806) 651-2133.

## NON-RESERVABLE SPACES FOR INFORMAL EVENTS

Non-Reservable spaces need to be configured in a way that ensures social distancing. Common spaces should remove or rearrange tables and chairs or add visual cue marks to encourage social distancing and must be disinfected regularly (multiple times per day). Additionally, disinfectant wipes should be readily available for guests to wipe surfaces as desired.

## SOCIAL DISTANCING STANDARDS

Social Distancing recommendations are made to reduce the introduction of the virus into new communities and to slow the spread of infection in communities already affected by the virus. These recommendations are not intended to supersede the advice of local public health officials.

- Social distancing requires 6 feet between individuals. This social distancing standard will impact the capacities available per room/space.
- All WTAMU employees, volunteers, students, and visitors are required to wear appropriate facemasks or face-coverings on the campus of West Texas A&M University, and campus facilities, unless a health-related exception exists, in the following areas:
  - Indoor public areas on campus, including all non-private office or residential spaces, such as lobbies, restrooms, common spaces in residence halls, conference rooms, break rooms, elevators, and related campus-community areas; and
  - Outdoor spaces where six feet or more of physical distancing is challenging to maintain reliably.
- Facemasks or face-coverings will continue to be required until WTAMU decides to change the standard to "highly recommended".

Events of any size should only be continued if they can be carried out with adherence to guidelines for protecting vulnerable populations, hand hygiene, and social distancing.

## PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is an important component to minimizing the spread of COVID-19. Event coordinators should ensure availability of handwashing facilities with soap and water and/or sanitizing dispensers. It is required that all event attendees wear a face-covering or facemask. As supplies become available, event organizers should provide masks to event attendees so that event attendees can have a mask.

\*\* Any statements regarding personal protective equipment and the current university standards are not intended to overrule any future decisions made by the WTAMU executive leadership. If the WTAMU executive leadership determines that it is necessary to change the PPE and/or social distancing standards, those new guidelines will then apply.\*\*

## SIGNAGE AND COMMUNICATION

It is important to use signage, marketing material, and invitations to notify event attendees of the social distancing standards and self-assessment process. Most of university facilities will already have signage encouraging social distancing and communicating the self-assessment process. Event coordinators should consider using promotional materials to communicate university expectations. These additional strategies can be helpful in determining the right signage for your event:

- Signage should be placed throughout the event space emphasizing social distancing as well as
  providing details on the completing the self-assessment process. Only university approved signs and
  posters should be placed around campus. If additional signs are needed for signage that is not already
  established, please contact Stan Pena at 806.651.2939 or <a href="mailto:spena@wtamu.edu">spena@wtamu.edu</a>.
- If a department identifies a need for additional signage that is not already established, you may order from the Print Shop (<u>Print Shop Order Form</u>). Please contact the Print Shop at 806.651.2320 or email at <u>printshop@wtamu.edu</u>.
  - Currently, the University will provide door, floor, restroom, wipe and hand sanitizing units, and signage for the self-assessment process. Any additional signage needs would be at the expense of the event planner(s).
- If your event is being held at an outdoor venue, it is important to have signage communicating university expectations. This signage can be setup using sandwich boards or other types of outdoor marking platforms.
- Current maximum capacities of the event space should be posted.
- A Public Service Announcement (PSA) has been created to help communicate the message prior the event beginning. Event organizers can either play (via an electronic device) or read the PSA to the event audience. The PSA is as follows:

"West Texas A&M University is committed to responding to the COVID-19 pandemic with safety and the well-being of all students, employees, and visitors as a top priority. With everyone's safety and well-being in mind, please remember to wear a face covering or facemask. Especially when it is difficult to maintain at least 6 feet of distance between one another. It is also important to practice healthy habits such as,

- washing your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds,
- covering your cough or sneeze with your elbow or sleeve and then wash your hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects or surfaces,
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick,
- staying home if you are sick, and calling your doctor if symptoms persist.

Thank you for supporting WTAMU and our efforts to keep the campus community safe."

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

WT administrators are working nonstop to make decisions that affect every person at the University. Our goals are to make guidelines that are helpful, fair, and sensible for everyone. If you have questions about COVID-19, please visit <u>www.wtamu.edu/coronavirus</u> for more information. If you have need assistance regarding the event guidelines, contact Richard C. Smith at 806.651.2740 or <u>rcsmith@wtamu.edu</u>, or Chance Haugen at 806.651.2329 or <u>chaugen@wtamu.edu</u>.

### REFERENCES

- TAMU System Approved Reopening Plan 5.29.20
- WTAMU Return to Workplace Guidebook 5.18.20
- <u>Event Safety Alliance Reopening Guide 4.2020</u>
- <u>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</u>
  - Institutes of Higher Education 5.21.20:
  - o CDC Mass Gatherings or Large Community Events 3.15.20
- Open Texas Guidelines:
  - All Employers and Event Organizers
  - o Driving Schools
  - <u>Churches and Places of Worship Attendees</u>
  - Churches and Places of Worship
  - o <u>Restaurants</u>
  - <u>Restaurant Customers</u>
  - Day Youth Camp Operators
  - o Outdoor Events
  - o Water Park Operators
  - Wedding Reception Venues
  - Wedding Reception Attendees
- World Health Organization / Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations 4.7.20:
- World Health Organization Key Planning recommendations for mass gatherings 5.29.20
- National Association for Campus Activities Thinking Ahead of Your Fall Programming
- <u>American College Health Association Guidelines Considerations for Reopening Institutions of Higher</u> Education in the COVID-19 Era
- UIL Strengths and Conditioning Guidance released on 6.22.20
- <u>Governor Greg Abbott Amendment Executive Order GA-28</u>
- <u>Governor Greg Abbott Amendment Executive Order GA-30</u>