COVID-19 INFORMATION FOR UNITS WITH CONTRACTORS AND VENDORS WORKING ON SITE

The University of Washington COVID-19 Prevention Plan for the Workplace helps ensure the health and safety of on-site personnel by reducing the potential for COVID-19 transmission. The University-wide COVID-19 Prevention Plan must be followed in all University work environments.

This document is for University units to follow or review with contractors or vendors hired to work in University facilities with the exception of the medical centers. The elements of the University-wide COVID-19 Prevention Plan that vendors and contractors are required to follow include:

1. Procedures for sick personnel, symptom monitoring and reporting:
   - All personnel experiencing symptoms of illness must not work on site. Any individual who develops symptoms of COVID-19 infection while working at a University location must not remain on site.
   - An individual who has been in close contact with a person with confirmed COVID-19 must stay home and quarantine according to the UW Environmental Health & Safety Quarantine and Isolation Guidance.
   - Reporting: A University department or unit that learns of a suspect or confirmed COVID-19 case among an employee, contractor or vendor is required to notify the UW Environmental Health & Safety COVID-19 Response Team (206.616.3344 or covidehc@uw.edu) for public health follow-up. In addition, the University unit requests that the contractor or vendor report cases of COVID-19 positive employees that have worked on a University worksite.
   - Symptom Screening/Attestation for COVID-19: University contractors and vendors who work on site at a University work location are subject to the same symptom attestation requirement as University employees. The requirement for symptom attestation may be satisfied by either option:
     - The University unit confirms the contractor or vendor has an established COVID-19 daily symptom attestation plan. The University unit may ask to review it, if the employer has an established plan, or
     - The contractor or vendor participates in the daily symptom attestation procedure for the University unit in which the contractor or vendor works, if the University unit has established a customized procedure (separate from the Workday system).

2. Maintain social and physical distancing
   All personnel must maintain at least a six-foot distance between individuals with or without the use of face coverings. Consult with Environmental Health & Safety if it is difficult to maintain distance due to the nature of the work or location.
3. **Practice good hygiene**
   - Cover your mouth and nose with your elbow or a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
   - Wash your hands often with soap and water, for at least 20 seconds, or use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
   - Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
   - Avoid contact with people who are sick.
   - Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

4. **Clean and disinfect** work surfaces and frequently touched surfaces often. Wipe down shared equipment after each use. Follow the manufacturer’s instructions for use of all cleaning and disinfecting products, and use personal protective equipment (PPE) as required.

5. **Face coverings and PPE**
   Contractors and vendors are required to follow all UW worksite safety requirements including the use of required PPE. Face coverings that cover the mouth and nose are required while working indoors, and outdoors where keeping a 6-foot distance from other people may not be possible. Cloth face coverings do not replace job-specific PPE requirements.

6. **Contractors and vendors traveling to a University location from outside Washington state**
   While the University’s Safe Start Status is in Phase 2 of COVID-19 recovery, non-essential travel is strongly discouraged.

   In addition, all contractors and vendors are subject to Washington State Safe Start requirements, travel-related restrictions and advisories. Specific Washington state travel and quarantine requirements apply to construction contractors operating in any county with Phase 2 Safe Start status.

   Read the FAQ “Should I quarantine after traveling?” on the EH&S website for quarantine and isolation guidance.

**More information**

Visit the University's Novel coronavirus & COVID-19 webpage for information and resources for the UW community.


Questions about the UW's response to COVID-19 can be directed to the Environmental Health & Safety Department at ehsdept@uw.edu or 206.543.7262.