



UT
Health
San Antonio

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT SAN ANTONIO

- Long School of Medicine
- School of Dentistry
- School of Health Professions
- School of Nursing
- School of Biomedical Sciences

UT Health San Antonio

- Large Academic Health Science Center with five professional schools (Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing, Health Professions, Graduate School) and multiple centers and institutes
- FY2020 revenue budget about \$1B
- 3,300 students; 36,500 alumni; 1,000 trainees; 5,000 staff; 2,000 faculty
- 850 practicing doctors at UT Health; ~2 million patient visits/yr; >125 specialties; ~\$450m in annual revenue
- Core of the \$40.2B SA bioscience industry; 1/6 workers in SA are in healthcare
- One of 140 Academic Medical Centers in the U.S.
- One of 30 Academic Medical Centers in the U.S. with a NCI designation and a NIH CTSA award
- Only Academic Medical Center in the San Antonio region

Quality Health Care in South Texas

38-County Service Area

Teaching, Research, Service and Patient Care

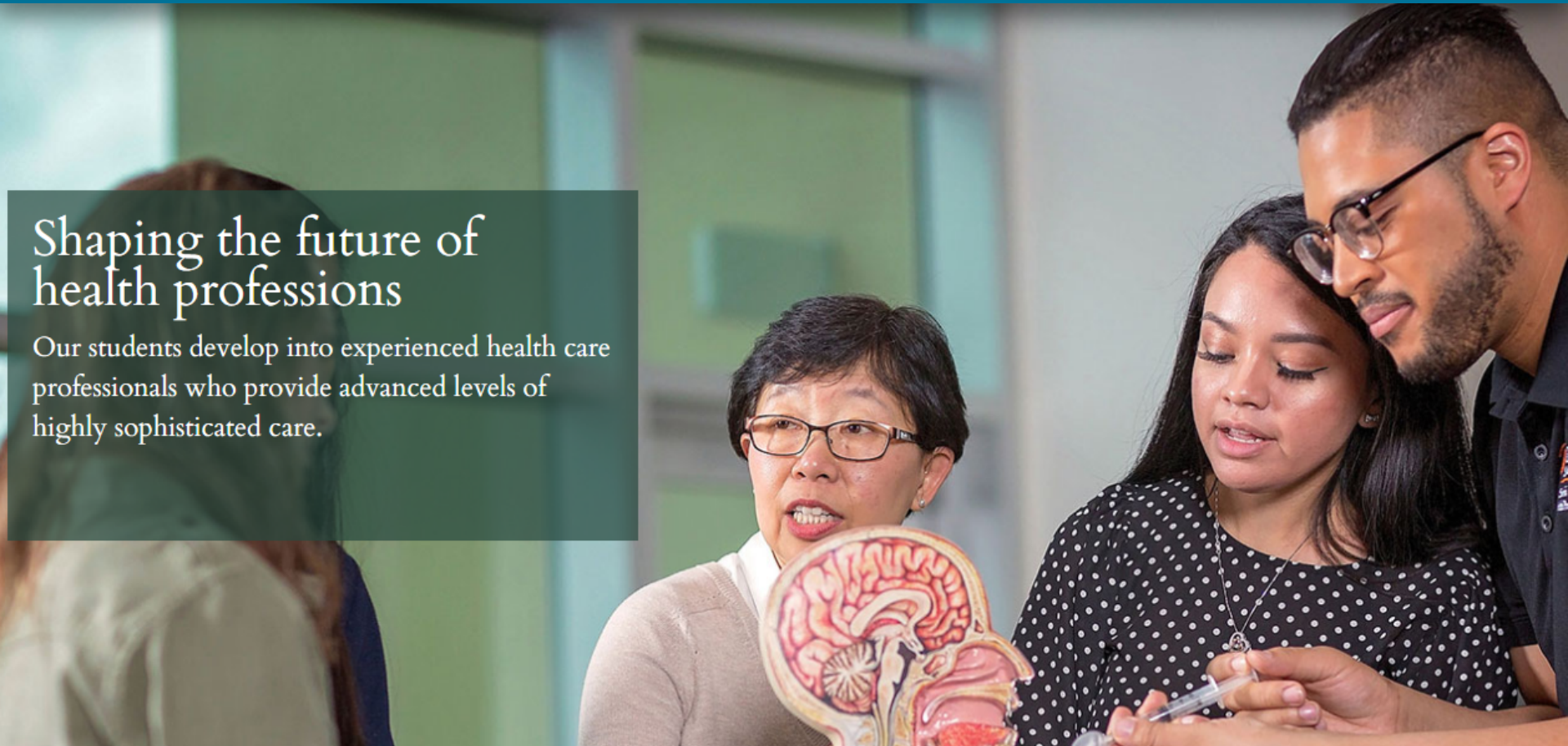


School of Health Professions (SHP) UT Health Science Center at San Antonio

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Professor and Dean

Shaping the future of
health professions

Our students develop into experienced health care professionals who provide advanced levels of highly sophisticated care.



School of Health Professions

Emergency Health Sciences

- *BS in Emergency Health Sciences*
- *EMT – Basic*
- *Paramedic*

Health Sciences

- *PhD in Health Sciences*

Medical Laboratory Sciences

- *BS in Medical Laboratory Sciences*
- *MS in Medical Laboratory Sciences*

Occupational Therapy

- *Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD)*

Physician Assistant Studies

- *Master of Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS)*

Physical Therapy

- *Doctorate of Physical Therapy (DPT)*

Respiratory Care

- *BS in Respiratory Care*
- *MS in Respiratory Care*

Communication Sciences and Disorders

- *MS in Speech-Language Pathology*
- *Graduate Certificate in CSD*

- *Six academic departments*
- *Seven different disciplines - 13 different degrees and certificates*
- *Enrollment fall of 2020: 860 projected*

Vision

By 2022 the School of Health Professions at UTHSCSA will be recognized as a world class school *whose programs are among the best* in the United States.



2021 Rankings

- *Physician Assistant Studies #33 out of 170 (top 20%)*
- *Occupational Therapy: #42 out 198 (top 21%)*
- *Physical Therapy: #102 out of 239 (top 43%)*

What's Happening in Texas: COVID-19

METRO

Friday, July 31, 2020 | Page A3 | San Antonio Express-News | ExpressNews.com

Spike in area COVID-19 activity seen

Bexar cites 1,323 new cases and five additional deaths

By Bruce Selcraig
STAFF WRITER

The San Antonio area again is seeing a rise in novel coronavirus activity, with five more deaths reported Thursday and 1,323 new cases pushing the total past the 40,000 mark.

"This is a very stressful time," Mayor Ron Nirenberg said at the nightly briefing. "There's not a quick remedy. We have to work together."

With the new cases, the total of COVID-19 cases in Bexar County since the pandemic broke out in mid-March soared to 40,253. It

had been 38,930 Wednesday. The death toll stands at 347.

Among the deceased reported Thursday were a Hispanic woman in her 60s and another in her 70s, a Black woman in her 90s, a Hispanic man in his 60 and another man, whose ethnicity wasn't identified, in his 70s.

On a positive note, hospitalization numbers continued to drop, going below 1,000 for the first time in a full month, a sign that things are improving, albeit slowly.

Metro Health figures showed 965 people with COVID-19 were in local hospitals Thursday, down

from 1,007 Wednesday. The last time there were fewer than 1,000 people with the virus in local hospitals was June 30, when there were 966.

Of those in the hospital with the virus Thursday, 380 were in intensive care, down from 389 Wednesday and 250 were on ventilators to help them breathe, down from 269 Wednesday.

That leaves 13 percent of staffed hospital beds, up from 10 percent a week ago, and 54 percent of ventilators available city-wide, up from 40 percent Wednesday.

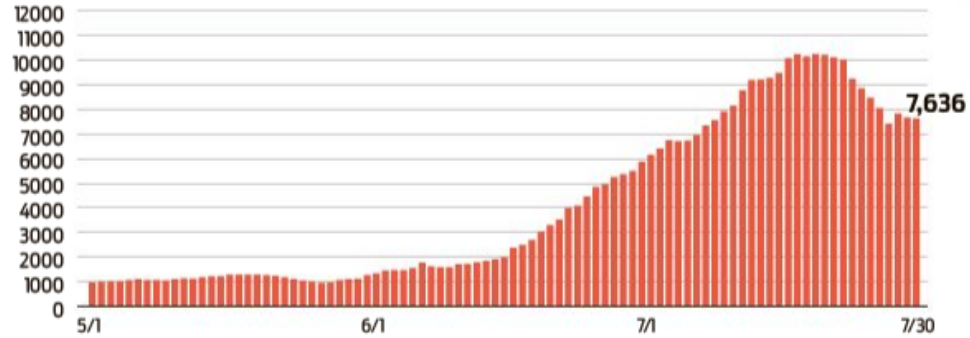
Bexar continues on A5



Joseph Norris / Staff photographer
Ashley Connell works on COVID-19 testing at the Methodist Healthcare System in the Medical Center.

Seven-day rolling average of new cases statewide

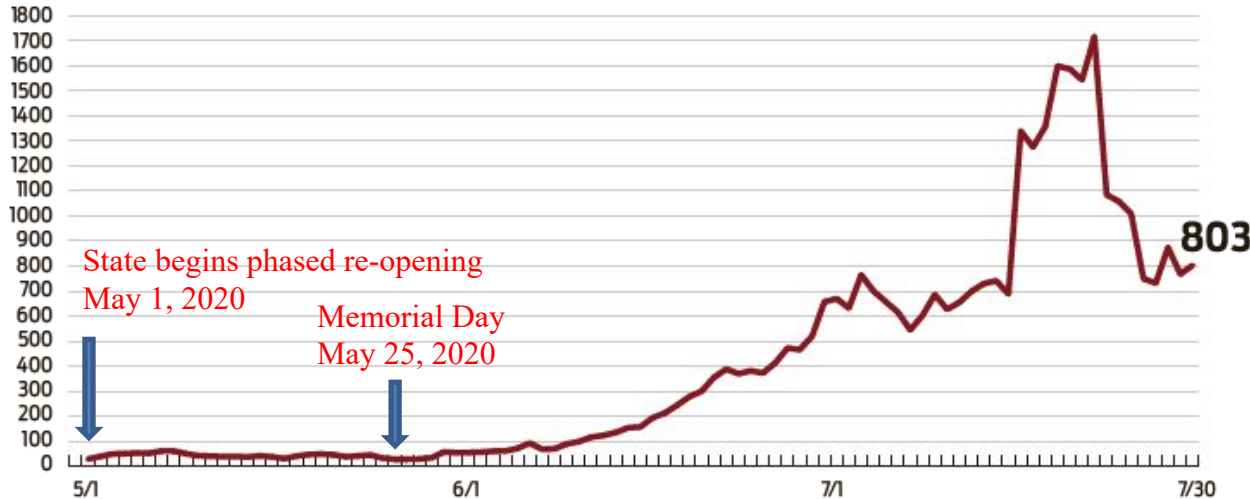
This shows the seven-day average of new cases, by date, in Texas since May 1.





Seven-day rolling average of new cases in Bexar County

Total confirmed and probable cases since beginning of pandemic: 40,253



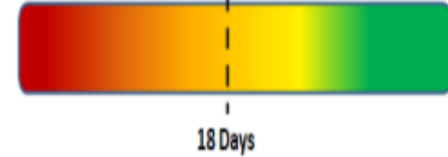
Source: Texas Department of State Health Services, Hearst Newspapers reporting



July 30, 2020

WARNING INDICATORS

Doubling Time (W1)
18 days



Positive Lab Tests (W2)

17.7%

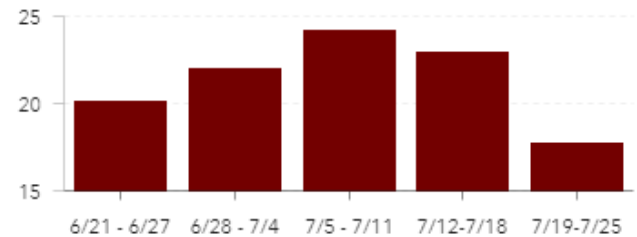
Previous Week

Positive Lab Tests (W2)

-5.2%

Weekly Change

Weekly Positive Tests - Percentage of Total Tests (W2)



Dashboards & Data

Risk Level: Severe/Critical



What We're Watching



**TWO WEEK
DECLINE
IN CASES**



**TESTING
CAPACITY**



**CONTACT
TRACING**



**HOSPITAL
TRENDS**



**DOUBLING
RATE**



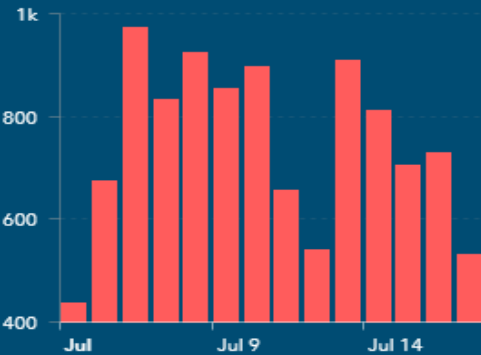
**POSITIVITY
RATE**



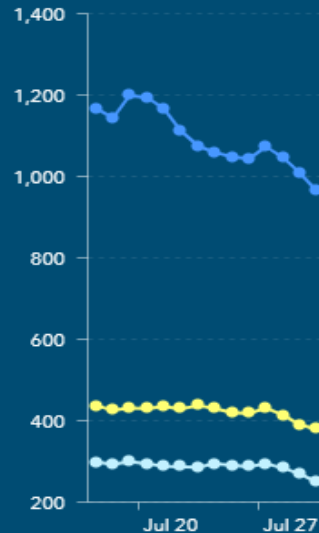
**HOSPITAL
STRESS**

PROGRESS INDICATORS

Daily Case Numbers (by Event Date*) over a 14-day Period (P1)



COVID-19 Hospital Trends (P4)



Positive Hospitalized
965
Current

COVID in ICU
380
Current

COVID on Vent
250
Current

*Either illness onset date (for symptomatics) or test collection date (for asymptomatics) is used. This differs from Reported Date.

There is a 14-day lag in data shown to allow time for complete capture of information.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rUYXgaTbxOQ&feature=youtu.be>



COVID-19 Response

<https://wp.uthscsa.edu/coronavirus/>

- Conversion to all on-line/virtual didactic/lecture courses March 16 (38 classes)
- Clinical rotation suspensions March 23, 2020 (247 student rotations), resumption in May, June and July of 2020.
- San Antonio Shelter in Place orders March 24, 2020 through June 4, 2020.
- Virtual New Student Orientation sessions for summer – week of May 18th.
- Virtual graduation May 18th (PT, SLP, BSRC, BSMLS, EHS paramedic)
- Virtual classes continue for summer session (lecture/didactic)
- Clinical rotations restarted May 18th (program dependent)
 - Clinical sites must accept students
 - Students must have adequate PPE and associated supervision
 - Students not to be assigned to known COVID-19 patients

COVID-19 Response

<https://wp.uthscsa.edu/coronavirus/>

- Teaching labs began June 2020 (program dependent)
 - Social distancing to be practiced (6 ft. rule)
 - Rigorous hand-hygiene
 - Frequent equipment and supply disinfection
 - All students, faculty and staff to wear cloth masks while on-campus
 - Student practice procedures on volunteers → same PPE as in-hospital non-COVID patients (surgical./procedure mask, non-sterile gloves, gown, face-shield for potential aerosol generating procedures [e.g., oral exams]).

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Timely Updates

University Measures

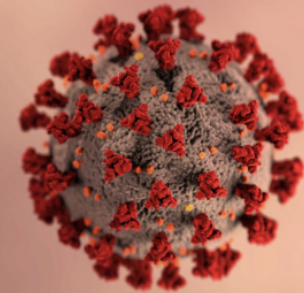
Resources

Campus Entry Points Map

Coronavirus Update

[Return to Campus Plan »](#)

[We Can Stop the Spread »](#)



Continuity by Mission



Academic
Continuity



Research
Continuity



Clinical
Continuity



Operational
Continuity



Human Resources
Continuity

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU RETURN TO CAMPUS

SAFETY PRACTICES TO PROTECT ALL OF US FROM THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

1. Universal masking.
2. Restricted campus access.
3. Screening upon entry including touchless thermometry.
 - Dated, color coded ID stickers
3. Social distancing
 - Floor decals
 - Seating marked
 - Limited food options
4. Deployed hand sanitizer stations
5. Frequent cleaning/disinfection.
6. Work from home if able to complete job requirements.
7. Stay home if you are sick!
8. Call Wellness 360 if exposed.




SCREENING

- » You will be **screened daily** at limited entry points across campus.
- » **Temperature** will be taken and you'll be asked brief questions about symptoms/risks.
- » Daily screening **verification** in the form of a dated sticker must be placed on badge for re-entry onto campus.
- » You are expected to wear a **mask on campus**, inclusive of at screening points and when entering the buildings. Building entry requires a mask.
- » Note the designated markings at 6 feet; only **proceed forward** once the person ahead moves forward.



MASKS

- » Masks must be **worn** at all times on campus.
- » Cloth masks effectively **prevent spray** and are available for employees. Managers can email CVPPE@uthcas.edu to receive tracked allotment.
- » Clinical and patient-facing staff will receive appropriate masks for **maximum safety** precaution. 
- » You will be responsible for cleaning and maintaining the **institutionally-provided** cloth mask. No replacement mask will be provided if the cloth mask is lost or destroyed.




CLEAN & DISINFECT

- » Doors, elevators, restrooms and other high-touch public spaces are **disinfected** multiple times daily.
- » Hand sanitizer machines are located near entry points to the campus.
- » Cleaning kits are available for supplemental cleaning in departments.



SOCIAL DISTANCE

- » Maintain a safe distance (6 feet) between you and your colleague. Passing or standing near colleagues within 6' of each other, when masked, has little risk of infection.
- » Use helpful technology like Microsoft Teams for meetings and conversations. 
- » Limit elevator passengers to 3 or less.



BE HEALTHY, BE CLEAN

- » Soap is very effective. **Wash hands** often.
- » Employee Health & Wellness available for health needs and testing: 210-450-8000.
- » A significant number of resources are available for you. Visit the COVID 19 site UTHHealthSA.com/coronavirus to find the complete list.



IMPORTANT CONTACTS

- » Nurse Triage **HOTLINE: 210-450-8000**
- » Environmental Health & Safety: 210-567-2955



By coming to UT Health San Antonio today you agree that you:

1. Currently have no COVID-19 symptoms (fever of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, shortness of breath, cough, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, loss of smell/taste)
2. Have not had prolonged contact (more than a few minutes) with a person with active COVID-19 infection while you were not wearing appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (mask, gown, gloves, eye protection)
3. Have not traveled to areas with high risk of contracting COVID-19 within the last 7 days

What to do if you answer yes to any of the above or you have a temperature over 100 degrees Fahrenheit:

PATIENT: Notify the appropriate clinic, inform them you have an elevated temperature or have answered yes to any of the above, and reschedule your appointment.

STUDENT: Notify your Faculty or Program Director, and then call the UT Health San Antonio COVID-19 Hotline at 210-450-8000 for instructions on next steps.

EMPLOYEE: Call the UT Health San Antonio COVID-19 Hotline at 210-450-8000 for instructions on next steps.

VISITOR: Notify the person you were to visit on campus, inform them you have an elevated temperature or have answered yes to any of the above, and reschedule your appointment. Follow up with your primary care provider.

Return to Campus Plan

Timely Updates

JULY

23

7/22/20 | 5:50 pm | Updated Policy for All UT Health San Antonio Employees positive for COVID-19

All UT Health San Antonio employees who have had a positive COVID-19 test will be required to have a physical examination by a Wellness 360 healthcare provider or their primary healthcare provider before returning to work. Written documentation of the ...

JULY

17

7/16/2020 | 9:45 am | COVID-19 Testing, Positive Cases and Contact Tracing

As the fight to stop the spread of COVID-19 continues, UT Health San Antonio continues to employ our best practices and standards for informing impacted staff, students and faculty about virus positivity on campus. In the interest of transparency, we w ...

JULY

7

7/7/20 | Enforcement of Face Coverings (Masking) and Screening Guidance

To comply with the City of San Antonio's mandatory masking requirements and for the protection and safety of everyone, we must enforce the requirements to wear face coverings and be screened before entering any UT Health San Antonio campus location. An ...

JUNE

10

6/10/20 | June Priorities for Classroom Scheduling

June 10, 2020 – Guidance Document Priorities for Classroom Scheduling June – December 2020

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Are you experiencing skin irritation or acne from wearing a mask? Dermatologist Sandra Osswald, M.D., offers tips and advice on how to avoid the problem: bit.ly/2NucW0f



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Learn more about how our new community engagement platform will transform volunteering and community service learning at UT Health San Antonio: news.uthscsa.edu/engaged/



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View on Twitter

Maximizing use of classroom facilities – COVID-19 management plan

June through December 2020

(Approved by Deans Council, June 10, 2020)

Constants in the formulation of our plans for phased return to campus

Informed by CDC Guidance (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/colleges-universities/index.html>) and adherence to UTHSA Campus Operations Guidance (<https://wp.uthscsa.edu/coronavirus/category/return-to-campus-plan/>)

- Managing infection control on our campuses
- Health/safety of our faculty, staff, learners
- Universal temperature screening
- Universal masking
- 6-ft physical distance between persons or lab stations
- In a lab or clinical simulation environment, limit of 2 persons per station
- Assigned seating location for future contact tracing, as may be needed
- Requirements from professional accrediting organizations

Factors that influence the pandemic management plan for classroom utilization

- See revised room capacity document

In summary, room capacity is now down to the following options:

Revised classroom inventory:

- 1 room =181 occupants (Holly Auditorium)
- 5 rooms with capacity between 49 and 70 students (including Pestana, Large Lecture Rm behind Starbucks, DTL classrooms, SON-Hurd Aud., and ALTC)
- 12 rooms with capacity between 20-48 students
- 33 rooms with capacity between 10-19 students

Thus, June through December 2020

Lecture courses remain online. This includes seminars.

Schedules for classroom use, especially large classroom use restricted to:

- Academic examinations (need to map out exact dates/times to maximize use)
- In-person educational activities that require specialized equipment or lab space
- In-person educational activities that require supervised student-student learning prior to clinical or lab activities
- In-person patient discussions
- Externally administered benchmarking examinations

Schools will prioritize requests within programs under their purview through the respective Academic Affairs Deans. Non-academic requests are also vetted through the Academic Affairs Deans, to give priority to the academic programs.

Scheduling Requirements

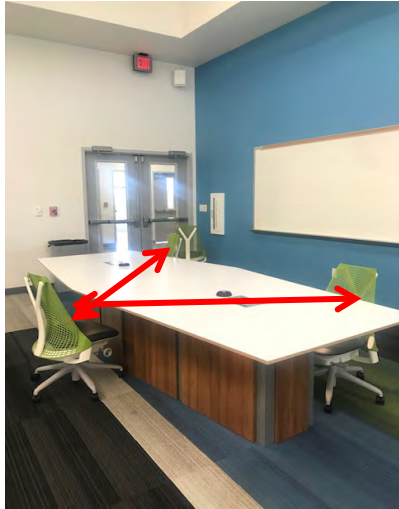
- Each classroom will not exceed 25% capacity and must accommodate a 6' circumference clearance between each occupant
- Academics remain a priority for scheduling
- UT Health has 19 classrooms with capacities larger than 100. Please understand we will be severely limited in our ability to accommodate all requested events.

ALTC Long Tables

ALTC Hexagon Table Rooms



ALTC Big Lecture Halls



ALTC			
		Normal Capacity	COVID-19 Capacity
	Room: 1.101.00	30	7
	Room: 1.102.00	24	6
	Room: 1.103.00/Outreach	40	10
	Room: 1.105.00	36	9
	Room: 1.107.00	36	9
	Room: 2.201.00	12	3
	Room: 2.202.00	36	9
	Room: 2.203.00	32	8

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	Room: 2.204.00	30	7
	Room: 2.205.00	76	19
	Room: 2.206.00	18	4
	Room: 2.208.00	30	7
	Room: 2.210.00	30	7
	Room: 2.211.00	32	8
	Room: 2.212.00	10	2
	Room: 2.213.00	32	8
	Room: 2.214.00	72	18
	Room: 2.215.00	32	8
	Room: 2.217.00	32	8
	Room: 2.218.00	10	2
	Room: 2.219.00	30	7
	Room: 2.220.00	28	7
	Room: 3.301.00	140	35
	Room: 3.302.00	140	35
	Room: 3.303.00	140	35
	Room: 3.304.00	280	70
	Room: 3.305.00	28	7
	Room: B.113.00	36	9
	Room: B.115.00	36	9
	Room: B.117.00	42	10
	Room: B.119.00	42	10

Every Other Row & Skip Two Chairs between Students

Fall 2020: School of Health Professions

- On-line orientation for all new students
- Lecture/didactic course work remains on-line
- Teaching labs continue with protocols in place
 - ✓ Social distancing (may require adjusted scheduling)
 - ✓ PPE
 - ✓ Cleaning/disinfection
- Clinical rotations continue as available
 - ✓ PPE protocols
 - ✓ Adequate supervision
 - ✓ Assignment to known COVID-19 patients avoided

COVID-19 Campus Reporting

Results include employees, students, residents, fellows, post-docs

As of 7/30/20	Total to date
Positive test results received through Wellness 360	123
Positive cases reported to Wellness 360 from external sources	68
Total positive campus cases	191
Individuals in self-isolation/self-quarantine	97
Contact traces executed through Wellness 360	357
Test conducted through Wellness 360	753

- Protocols for exposures and positive tests
 - ✓ Low-risk
 - ✓ High Risk
- Research activities must follow established protocols
- Deployment plan for clinical enterprise – surge in hospital census
 - ✓ Student volunteers (PA, RT, MLS)
 - ✓ Faculty deployment (PA)

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