

# SUMMER ON THE HILLTOP

WELCOME BACK PACKET

2022

WHAT YOU NEED  
TO KNOW AS YOU  
RETURN TO THE  
HILLTOP

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# Welcome back!



Dear students,

We are excited to welcome you back to the Hilltop for the Summer II term!

Although you may have been closely following the developments of COVID-19 these past several months, we invite you to familiarize yourself with the basics of this disease and to learn how policies and operations have changed at SMU in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. In this packet, you will find helpful information about what you can expect for your classroom experience, how campus services like the libraries and the dining halls will operate, and what you can do to protect yourself and your fellow Mustangs from getting sick.

SMU has taken many precautions to keep campus clean and virus free, and the responsibility falls on each of us to adopt healthy habits and prevent illness from entering our community. We encourage you to be diligent in practicing social distancing at all times, seeking medical attention when feeling ill, and refraining from off-campus travel for the duration of the Summer II term. You have the ability to protect yourself, your classmates, professors, and staff members from COVID-19, and it is only through our collective effort that we can effectively keep our community safe and healthy. We know campus will feel a little different, and incorporating these new practices into your daily routines may help us return to the activities we enjoyed before COVID-19 sooner. We are hopeful that the information in this packet will help you prepare to model the way for others and help your peers adjust to this temporary way of campus life.

SMU has worked very hard to prepare campus services for your return, and we realize that information regarding COVID-19 is constantly evolving. In light of that, we will reevaluate and possibly adjust policies and procedures on a regular basis to best support your safety while providing you the best college experience possible. As the Summer II term progresses, take notice of what SMU can do better. Your perspectives and opinions are important and will inform the way we move forward in the fall. Thank you for your help as we work to preserve the health of our amazing community.

Stay safe, be well, and Pony Up!

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# OVERVIEW

This guide serves as a reference for your return to campus. As policies and procedures continue to change and evolve around COVID-19, please keep the following in mind:

- The most up-to-date information will be posted on the [SMU COVID-19 page](#).
- This information in this guide was published on 6/12/2020.
- We are all responsible for ensuring the health and safety of the SMU Community.

## IMPORTANT SMU LINKS

[SMU COVID-19 Page](#)

[SMU Keep Learning](#)

[Emergency Fund Request Form](#)

[Dr. Bob Smith Health Center](#)

# CREATING A HEALTHY CAMPUS

## HOW COVID-19 SPREADS

COVID-19 spreads through the transmission of respiratory droplets between people who are in close contact of one another. These droplets are produced when a person sneezes, coughs, or talks.

# 1

**Droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people nearby and be inhaled into the lungs**

# 2

**Droplets containing the virus can land on surfaces or objects and be transferred from person to object to person**

# 3

**Close contact is defined by being within 6 feet of another person for 15 minutes or more**

SMU's enhanced cleaning procedures throughout the campus includes routine cleaning and sanitizing of high-touch areas, as well as, adding multiple cleaning rotations per day. You can read more about cleaning protocols for SMU classrooms, campus housing, and offices [here](#).

Discover additional information about how COVID-19 spreads by reading the most up-to-date [information from the CDC](#) and by watching [this video](#).

# CREATING A HEALTHY CAMPUS *cont'd.*

## HOW TO RECOGNIZE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

People with COVID-19 can have a wide range of symptoms. Individuals can be infected yet present as asymptomatic, meaning they do not show any symptoms. They can also be infected and show mild to severe symptoms.

Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus and can include the following:

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

If you are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms, do not go to class and avoid contact with other people. Make an appointment at the Dr. Bob Smith Health Center to see if you need to be tested for COVID-19 by calling 214-768-2141.

Discover additional information about COVID-19 signs and symptoms by reading the most up-to-date [information from the CDC](#) and by watching [this video](#).



# HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS

## SMU EXPECTS ALL STUDENTS TO



### WEAR FACIAL COVERINGS

Facial coverings are **required** in all public indoor spaces, anywhere outside of personal living areas, and should also be worn while walking to class.



### PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING

Stay at least 6 feet apart from other individuals on campus, both indoors and outdoors. Follow all signage, including in elevators and office spaces.



### WASH/SANITIZE HANDS

Hand washing should last at least 20 seconds, include soap, and occur frequently throughout the day. Students are encouraged to carry personal hand sanitizer.



### CLEAN SURFACES REGULARLY

To eliminate infectious droplets on commonly touched surfaces, it is important to clean your spaces and items frequently with soap and water or disinfectant.



### STAY HOME IF SICK

If you are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms, do not go to class and avoid contact with other people. [Make an appointment](#) at the Dr. Bob Smith Health Center to see if you need to be tested for COVID-19. Accommodations will be made for students who become ill, so students should not worry about falling behind in class.



### LIMIT TRAVEL

Visits to restaurants and entertainment venues can be risky at this time - please use caution. Interstate travel during the Summer II term is strongly discouraged.

# SELF-SCREENING

Students are expected to conduct a self-screen every day.

If you answer **yes** to either of the following questions, stay at home and contact the Dr. Bob Smith Health Center:

1

Have I been in close contact with a person with a *lab-confirmed* case of COVID-19?

2

In the last 24 hours, have I experienced *any* of the following **new** symptoms: **coughing, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, diarrhea, or fever greater than 100 degrees?**



## HEALTHY CAMPUS CHECKLIST

### PACKING LIST

- Your SMU ID
- At least one cloth face covering (3 is best!)
- Personal hand sanitizer
- Hand soap
- Disinfectant wipes and cleaning supplies
- Thermometer

### DAILY TO-DO

- Complete a self-screen
- Wash your hands frequently
- Disinfect/clean high-touch surfaces

## DR. BOB SMITH HEALTH CENTER

### Hours of Operation

Medical Services: Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Counseling Services: Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Medical and Counseling professionals are utilizing virtual visits as much as possible. All virtual visits are HIPAA compliant and integrated with the [Student Health Portal](#).

TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT AND GET MORE INFORMATION:



Visit the [Dr. Bob Health Center Website](#)



Call 214.768.2141

# THE CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE

## COURSE STRUCTURE

Several undergraduate courses, including labs and studios, will be offered as hybrid courses. Students will be able to choose their method of attendance either in-person or remote.

Some courses will have additional moderators to assist with classroom logistics.

All course testing will happen remotely in order to provide consistency to all students and to support those with testing accommodation needs.

## INSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Consistent with the requirement to wear face coverings in all public indoor spaces on campus, students are required to wear face coverings in classrooms.

Students should use the provided paper towels and sanitizing spray to clean their workspace before and after class.

Students should not mingle in the hallways before or after class and should select a seat at least 6 feet from other students.

Furniture will be arranged to accommodate social distancing - students should not move furniture.

Faculty will be provided with equipment and supplies to instruct in a way that promotes the health of students.

Some classrooms will have a designated entrance and exit.

Courses with labs or classroom movement will take place in large spaces.

## TECHNOLOGY FOR COURSEWORK

Students will receive a survey from their faculty inquiring about their method of attendance. Based on the responses, courses may transition to remote instruction.

All classes, including those taught in-person, will be recorded.

Course materials will be available on Canvas.

For hybrid courses, faculty will present both to students in the classroom and on Zoom.



[Disability Accommodations & Success Strategies \(DASS\)](#)



[Altshuler Learning Enhancement Center \(A-LEC\)](#)



[SMU Keep Learning](#)



# LIVING ON CAMPUS

## MOVE-IN

- July 1st, 2nd, & 5th
- 2-hour time window
- Each resident may have two people assist during their Move-In window
- All those participating in Move-In must self-screen prior to arriving on campus
- No more than six residents will be assigned to each time window

## REMEMBER:

BRING  
YOUR  
SMU ID!



SELF-SCREEN  
DAILY



## COMMUNITY NOTES

- All rooms are single occupancy at a double rate
- Summer communities will be staffed by Residential Community Directors (RCDs) and Resident Assistants (RAs)
- On-call and lockout services will be provided

## POLICY UPDATES

- Guests are not permitted after the selected Move-In window
- Face coverings are required to be worn when residents are outside their room
- Practice social distancing at all times

Apply for Summer Housing through June 22 on the [housing website](#).

## ENHANCED CLEANING INFORMATION

1

High-touch places will be cleaned frequently

2

Public and common restrooms, lobbies, and lounges will be cleaned frequently

3

Residents will be responsible for cleaning their own room and suite-style bathroom, if applicable

For more information related to cleaning protocols, click [here](#).

# DINING ON CAMPUS

## EXPECTATIONS

- Face coverings are required to be worn with the exception of when diners are eating
- Tables and chairs will be placed to accommodate social distancing - diners should not move tables and chairs
- Follow all posted signage regarding meal offerings
- Utilize hand washing stations and hand sanitizer

## UMPHREY LEE WILL BE OPEN FOR JULY TERM

Retail and Umphrey Lee hours can be found [here](#).

Capacity limits will follow local, state, and CDC guidelines for restaurants.

## EXPERIENCE

- Increased availability of hand sanitizer and 'no-touch' service options
- Self-serve offerings have been transformed to grab-and-go meal distribution
- Diners will receive bottled or canned beverages



## STAFF IN DINING LOCATIONS WILL:

1

Be screened for symptoms prior to each shift

3

Complete extra and frequent cleaning of all surfaces and items at a higher risk of contamination

2

Wear face coverings and use a specific guide for maintaining cleanliness at every station and space

4

Participate in substantial and ongoing training, an increased schedule of frequent hand washing, and appropriate use of gloves

For more information related to cleaning protocols, click [here](#).

# CAMPUS SERVICES

## HUGHES-TRIGG STUDENT CENTER

- All visitors are required to wear a face covering
- Since HTSC is under renovation, access may be further restricted
- For more information or questions about the Hughes-Trigg Student Center services, click [here](#)

## DEDMAN CENTER FOR LIFETIME SPORTS

- Find modified hours [here](#)
- Advanced registration for facility use can be completed through the [Online Member Portal](#)

## DR. BOB SMITH HEALTH CENTER

- Medical and counseling services are available
- Click [here](#) or call 214.768.2141 to book an appointment

## ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES

### SMU LIBRARIES

#### *Research and Instructional Support*

- Librarians will provide remote research consultations
- Online "[Ask Us](#)" chat includes expanded hours

#### *Facilities*

- [Curbside pickup](#) is available
- Virtual services will continue until opening on July 6th
- Seating has been modified to accommodate social distancing

### A-LEC

Remote tutoring and academic counseling appointments are available

### UAC

Remote advising appointments are available

# LINKS AND RESOURCES

[SMU ADVANCED CLEANING PROTOCOLS](#)

[ALTSHULER LEARNING ENHANCEMENT CENTER \(A-LEC\)](#)

[SMU COVID-19 PAGE](#)

[DISABILITY ACCOMMODATIONS & SUCCESS STRATEGIES \(DASS\)](#)

[DEDMAN CENTER FOR LIFETIME SPORTS](#)

[SMU DINING HOURS AND LOCATIONS](#)

[DR. BOB SMITH HEALTHCENTER](#)

[SMU EMERGENCY FUND](#)

[HUGHES-TRIGG STUDENT CENTER](#)

[SMU KEEP LEARNING](#)

[SMU LIBRARIES](#)

[SUMMER HOUSING INFORMATION](#)

[UNIVERSITY ADVISING CENTER \(UAC\)](#)

Visit [SMU.edu](http://SMU.edu) to find information about campus services not listed.

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## INFORMATION FROM THE CDC:

[COVID-19 SIGNS  
AND SYMPTOMS](#)

[HOW COVID-19  
SPREADS](#)



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