



University Policy

Northeastern Illinois University (the “University”) establishes this Interim Policy to outline regulations, procedures, guidelines, and best practices to ensure a safe and organized return to work at University locations during the COVID-19 global pandemic regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status.

The University follows the guidelines set forth by the [Centers for Disease Control](#) (CDC), [Illinois Department of Public Health](#) (IDPH), and the [City of Chicago](#) and has aligned this policy with the [Covid-19 Return to Campus Plan](#). This policy is subject to frequent change with the introduction of additional public health guidelines from local, state, and federal authorities. Though CDC recommendations are loosening in terms of masks and social distancing for those who are fully vaccinated, NEIU continues to take a more conservative approach to continue to maintain the health and safety of the entire NEIU community.

This policy is intended to mitigate the risk of spreading COVID-19 among students, faculty, staff, and community members as they continue to return to visiting all University locations.

Regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status, this policy applies to all members of the Northeastern Illinois University community: students; employees; applicants for admission or employment; and University visitors.

Campus: Refers to all Northeastern Illinois University locations interchangeably.

Close contact: For COVID-19, close contact is anyone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.

COVID-19: A respiratory disease caused by SARS-CoV-2, a new coronavirus discovered in 2019. The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks (CDC).

Gathering: A group of individuals outside a single household who are part of a spontaneous or planned event convening for more than ten minutes.

Handwashing: The act of thoroughly cleaning one’s hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or using a disinfectant capable of eliminating the virus that causes COVID-19.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): Equipment worn by individuals to prevent the spread of COVID-19,



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Responsible Officer:





- community; followed by co-sponsored events involving outside guests; followed by external events/rentals. External events will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Serving of food and drink will be limited to individually packaged “grab and go” options that limit event participants gathering together to eat. Caterers must follow the CDC’s considerations for [Restaurant and Bar Operators](#).
 - No open admission/ general public events/activities will be allowed at campus locations.
 - All in-person meetings must have a record of attendance, and in-person events must have ticketing or pre-registration processes to allow for contact tracing.
 - All non-NEIU event attendees are expected to follow all NEIU rules and regulations. It is the responsibility of the event sponsor and/or host department to communicate all rules and regulations to outside guests.

Requesting a Meeting/Event:

- Requests for Fall 2021 meetings/events must be submitted through 25Live. Space Administrators for EI Centro, CCICS, PE Complex, Library, Pedroso Center, and C-Building will continue to review and approve requests for their locations.
- Meeting/event sponsors must follow all re8 0 Td()Tj0.easet rbmito4s2



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Responsible Officer: President
Responsible Office: Office of the President



- SHIELD testing is offered on a confidential voluntary basis on the main campus. Test results are only available to the testing individual.

General Health and Hygiene:

Students, faculty, and staff should follow these [health guidelines](#) as part of the return to University locations phased return to University locations:

- Consult with your healthcare provider about getting a COVID-19 vaccination and an influenza vaccination if you haven't already done so.
- Stay home when you are sick (fever of 100.4 or higher, cough, body aches and/or shortness of breath).
- [Wash your hands](#) often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 70 percent alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash (preferably a closed bin).
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

[Centers for Disease Control](#)