

King's College Facilities - BACK TO CAMPUS PREPAREDNESS

1. CLASSROOM MODIFICATIONS

Facilities has been working with our Registrar's Office, Academic Affairs, and Information Technology to survey existing classroom spaces determining maximum seating capacity according to the 6-foot social distancing standard. In most cases our classroom would only be able to accommodate about 1/3 of their original capacity using this social distancing guideline. As a result, we are planning to convert non-traditional campus spaces over to classrooms for the Fall semester. This will include repurposing such spaces as the old Chapel worship space, the 3rd floor Student Center large meeting rooms, lower level of the Library, the Pennsylvania Avenue call center facility, and the Gold Room as spaces designed to accommodate groups of individuals larger than 25 people. Arrangements are being made to acquire the necessary IT audio visual and teaching technologies required to deliver in-person instruction for these new temporarily classroom locations.

2. PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

We have acquired and made provisions for distribution of reusable cloth masks and disposable masks for all College employees. Bob McGonigle has been taking care of the student population. The College will also be providing other PPE and disinfectant supplies such as rubber gloves, disinfectant wipes, and sprays that can be provided to the different departments across campus. There will be dedicated budget and centralized purchasing function under the control of the Facilities department to handle acquisition and distribution of PPE required safety supplies for start of next Fiscal Year.

3. SANITIZING STATIONS

We have made provisions for hand sanitizer stations to be installed in all classroom's facilities and other common area spaces across campus. In addition, other cleaning supplies, disinfectant wipes, and special products will be provided to members of the campus community to assist in this effort.

4. ENHANCED CLEANING PROTOCOLS

We have invested in new cleaning equipment to help us implement an additional level of disinfection which would be above and beyond our normal standard cleaning practices. A combination of electrostatic backpack and hand-held disinfectant spraying machines will be deployed across campus to perform daily spray treatments in classrooms, meeting rooms, restrooms, stairwells, elevators, locker rooms, and other high occupancy-high traffic areas. In addition, our facilities team will be deploying the use of handheld ultraviolet light disinfecting wands for use around computer equipment and other electronic devices that may not be suitable for the disinfectant sprayers.

5. SAFETY SIGNAGE

PA Dept of Health and CDC approved safety signage is being posted across campus to inform individuals of recommended safety practices such as frequent handwashing, use of masks, social distancing requirements, monitoring personal health conditions, personal risk factors, and other COVID19 safety related information. The College has assigned responsibility to Tom Butchko to serve as the Pandemic Safety Officer on behalf of the King's College community.

6. DIRECTIONAL TRAVEL

Instructional signage will also be installed to help guide and direct individuals where they should enter/exit, walk, stand, or sit in various locations where high volume contact would normally occur such in stairwells, elevators, hallways, and common area spaces.

7. PHYSICAL RE-ENGINEERING CONTROLS

Social distancing controls and physical changes to the building environments are being implemented. We are in the process of reconfiguring classrooms, dining areas, and common area spaces in order to remove and/or reposition furnishings where social distance space limits are a concern. In addition, we have made provisions to install acrylic safety barrier shields in various workstations and offices where our ability to maintain a 6-foot social distance space may not be possible. Food service venues are also being reevaluated to determine in/out flows and staging areas for distribution of meals to students and employees.

8. HEALTH MONITORING & REPORTING

Practices are being put in place to allow for both electronic reporting and in-person temperature tracking and health survey screenings to occur daily as employees begin to report back to campus. Temperature screening locations will be established across campus to facilitate this process.

9. STUDENT HEALTH CENTER CHANGES

We are establishing a dedicated COVID19 area for the evaluation and treatment of COVID19 suspected patients. This will include specially designated entrance/exit, waiting area, exam room, along with special HVAC system changes to help establish a negative-air controlled environment. Additional cleaning and sanitization controls will also be implemented on the part of both Student Health Services and Facilities.

10. QUARANTINE SPACES

Arrangements are being made with Residence Life staff to prepare and set aside various quarantine spaces across campus that can be used in the event we need to isolate students during the fall semester. A program is under review with Student Health Services to include safety protocols for caring for individuals who are presumed or confirmed COVID19.