



Samuel Merritt University

COVID-19 Guidelines Effective April 3, 2023 (Updated May 9, 2023)

Masking

Masks are worn on an individual preference and are **not required** on the SMU campuses. Faculty, staff and students cannot require others to wear or not wear a mask in classrooms, labs, simulation, offices, meeting spaces, and other indoor locations. Masks are not required outdoors.

SMU will continue to monitor our local health departments and COVID outbreak/transmission rates in our area. We may reinstate the mask requirements depending on local health departments, the CDPH, and the CDC guidelines.

Visitors

There are currently no restrictions on allowing visitors onto an SMU campus during normal business hours. All visitors must be accompanied by an SMU student, faculty, or staff member while on campus. If visitors are attending an on-campus event, the event host must ensure event scheduling protocols have been followed. All visitors must adhere to all university health and safety protocols while on campus.

Availability of Hand Sanitizer and Cleaning Wipes

The Facilities Department will return to pre-COVID operations and no longer supply classrooms, labs, common areas, and office spaces with these items. Regular building maintenance and janitorial services will continue.

COVID-19 Isolation

Beginning March 13, 2023, the [CDPH COVID isolation protocols](#) are revised. SMU will be following these new protocols:

- A COVID-19 positive person may end isolation after five days if they feel well, have improving symptoms, and are fever-free for 24 hours, with less emphasis on testing negative.

COVID Testing for Students with Approved Exemptions

SMU will no longer be coordinating or paying for routine testing that may be required by clinical sites as a condition of their placement.

COVID 19 Case Reporting

The State continues to require employers and schools to report COVID positive cases. This process and documentation remains the same until further notice. Please continue to utilize the Student and Employee COVID-19 Reporting Forms to report a positive case. Both forms are located on the [COVID-19 Resources](#) webpage of the University's website.

Vaccination Requirements & Exemptions

Employees: Staff and non-clinical faculty will no longer be required to be vaccinated for COVID-19 or Boosters. Clinical Faculty will be required to meet clinical requirements.

Students: Student COVID-19 vaccination requirements are unchanged. This is due to the federal requirements for all [Medicare and Medicaid certified providers](#) to ensure all applicable staff are vaccinated with COVID-19 primary series. Students will need to provide documentation they are fully vaccinated, or documentation of an SMU-approved medical or religious exemption.

The following language will be added to the [Student Handbook under Clinical Policies Health Requirements](#)

COVID-19 Vaccine: Documented proof of being fully vaccinated, or documentation of an SMU-approved medical or religious exemption. For purposes of this requirement, students are considered fully vaccinated if it has been 2 weeks or more since they completed a primary vaccination series for COVID-19. The completion of a primary vaccination series for COVID-19 is defined here as the administration of a single- dose vaccine, or the administration of all required doses of a multi-dose vaccine. Religious exemptions must be requested and approved by the Dean of Students via this form, and medical exemptions must be requested through SMU's Disability Resource Center.

Event Requests

The Event Request Form is now located on the [TeamDynamix \(TDX\)](#) support portal under the Facilities Department. The Form needs to be completed for on-campus activities that are not related to educational classes or labs, i.e., program orientations, White Coat Ceremony, Pinning, community events, class activities, etc. The form submission will be reviewed by the Facilities Department to determine if space is available, and a confirmation will be sent to the requestor.

Event requests that have been submitted prior to **May 9, 2023** do not need to be resubmitted via TDX.

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Facilities

Service offerings related to Facilities Support, Badging, Keys, Office Space, Janitorial Services, and Ergonomic Evaluation Requests.

Categories (9)

- Ergonomic Evaluation**
Use this service to request ergonomic evaluation.
- Badging Services**
Use this service to request new/lost badge or report badge issues.
- Key Request**
Use this service to request a new of replacement key to a door or cabinet.
- Furniture**
Use this service for requesting new or replacement furniture.
- Additional Office Space**
Use this service for requesting reconfigured office space, new office space, or new furniture.
- Internal Move**
Use this service to request an internal office move. If you have are moving offices or need something moved in the office.
- Janitorial (EVS) Services**
Use this service to request janitorial services from facilities, such as trash pickup and bathroom cleanliness.
- General Work Order**
Use for general work order topic not covered with of these options.
- Event Request**
Use this service to request Bechtel, Atrium, Fontaine Auditorium and other spaces

COVID-19 Committees

Effective immediately, the university will officially stand down all three COVID-19 committees as we have returned to normal operations. The remaining regulatory items enforced by Cal/OSHA, and other state and federal agencies, will be monitored and enforced by the University's Health and Safety Committee. The Health and Safety Committee's primary focus is to provide a safe and healthful workplace free from workplace hazards. Monitoring trends and public health guidelines as it relates to workplace and worker safety will be added to the committee's responsibilities. If you have any questions, please contact the committee chair, Trevor Flanary, Director of Safety, Security, and Risk Management.