

Building Re-opening quick update:

Here at MEZCOPH we have been working very hard on preparing all of our buildings for re-opening in the Fall. A full and detailed update of what you can expect for building re-entry is coming soon, but in the meantime, I'd like to share progress and activities that are currently taking place for our MEZCOPH facilities and around the UArizona campus in preparation for re-opening.

1. Cleaning frequency has been increased for restrooms, classrooms and common areas in Drachman Hall, Drachman House, Campbell House, the MRB and the MEZCOPH Phoenix office. Facilities management (FM) is also implementing protocols for cleaning all high-touch surfaces on campus, such as elevator buttons, doorknobs, countertops and common-use spaces.
2. Oxivir cleaning solution in spray bottles has been distributed in areas that are already open and this will continue to be supplied throughout re-opening and into the foreseeable future.
3. Facilities Management is in the process of installing hand-sanitizer stations at every entrance and in every classroom across campus.
4. Sanitizer pump bottles will be placed throughout each building to cover areas where sanitizer stations can't be installed.
5. Protective acrylic barriers have been installed in front facing reception areas and around teaching podiums.
6. Here at MEZCOPH we will continue to follow the hierarchy of controls to help minimize exposure to the novel coronavirus. At this time the intent is to keep people working/learning remotely where possible, alternating work schedules if needed and using Zoom for meetings. Please discuss your individual situation with your supervisor to determine what the best work modality for your position/duties will be. If individuals need to be on campus, they will be asked to do the following:
 - a. Don't come to campus if sick
 - b. Wear face coverings as required in classrooms, buildings and outdoor areas of campus
 - c. Stay at least 6 feet from other people
 - d. Wash hands frequently or use hand sanitizer
 - e. Practice good hygiene & disinfect surfaces
7. Faculty, students and postdocs who conduct research in labs and research facilities on campus are required to wear face coverings, keep appropriate physical distance and keep their workspace clean. The density of occupants in labs and research facilities will be controlled so there is at least 144 square feet of space per person in shared spaces.
8. CDC guidelines, masking requirements, and social distancing signage are beginning to be installed in Drachman Hall, Drachman House, Campbell House, Abrams building and MEZCOPH Phoenix.

9. Face coverings are required in classrooms, buildings and outdoor areas of campus (the only time you can remove your mask is in your private office with closing door).
10. Classroom capacity will be greatly reduced to ensure a bare minimum of 6 feet of distance between individuals that will attend in-person classes.
11. HVAC air exchange to buildings has been reviewed and, where possible, outside air exchange has been increased as much as possible. The university follows guidelines developed by industry experts to ensure our HVAC systems effectively and efficiently clean and condition the air in our campus buildings.
12. Sanitation carts will be placed in classrooms. Each cart will contain Oxivir sanitation solution, paper towels and gloves, so that students and faculty can clean their physical space before and after use.
13. Elevator signage is now in place limiting the number of elevator car passengers to 2 at a time.
14. Building walkthroughs have been conducted with our FM project managers at Drachman Hall, Drachman House, Campbell House, MRB and MEZCOPH Phoenix. Pima County Abrams Building walkthrough to be conducted this Sunday. Our project managers will assist in ensuring signage and sanitizer stations are installed and ready to go for reopening.
15. FM project managers will be assigned to our college for the next year to help navigate reopening activities and FM needs.