



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
**TENNESSEE**  
HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER™

# **Ramp Up to Fall 2020: The NEW Normal**

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## The New Normal

- **Herd immunity requires 60–70% immune**
  - Vaccine
  - Recovery from infection
  - Effective antiviral therapy
- **COVID-19 is not going away**

## Areas No Significant Ramp Up Needed

- **Essential employees – fully deployed through COVID-19**
  - Campus Police and security
  - Essential engineering and facilities
- **Core research activities – fully deployed through COVID-19**
  - Regional Biocontainment Laboratory (Level 3) – COVID-19 research
  - Core research laboratories
- **Graduate Medical Education – residents and fellows**
  - Fully deployed throughout COVID-19
- **Faculty practice groups**
  - Fully deployed throughout COVID-19
  - Clinics easing restrictions
  - Elective surgery and elective procedures resuming

# General Return to Campus Guidelines

- **Mandatory online COVID-19 education**
  - Faculty, staff, and students
  - Required prior to returning to campus
  - COVID-19 PCR testing for cause; antibody testing when available
- **Perform self-check for COVID-19 symptoms**
  - Faculty, staff, and students
  - Required daily before coming to campus
- **Social distancing required on campus**
- **Face mask required on campus**
- **Work at home whenever possible**
  - Faculty, staff, and students
  - Minimize population density on campus

# Ramp Up Campus Support Services

*Mid-May 2020*

- **Procedures for cleaning between activities**
- **Building security – badge entrance**
- **Procedures for support services**
  - Information Technology Services (ITS)
  - Student services
  - Faculty support services
  - Food service plan

# Ramp Up Research

*June 2020*

- **Laboratory research**

- Social distancing
- Masks
- Lab personnel density guidelines
- Maximize work at home

- **Clinical research**

- Clinics reopen for required patient visits
- Clinic safety procedures modeled after University Health Services
- Virtual checks maximized

# Ramp Up Education

*July 2020*

- **Large lectures**
  - Remote delivery until the situation is more clear
  - Podcasts
- **Labs, simulation, small group sessions**
  - Social distancing
  - Smaller sessions, extended hours
  - Dental and medical simulations successfully piloted
- **Secure electronic testing**
  - Social distancing
  - Extended hours

## Ramp Up Clinical Education

*Now through July 2020*

- **Off campus**

- Restart ASAP with goal to be fully operational by July 2020
- Follow rules and guidelines of partner institutions
- Follow guidelines of accrediting bodies

- **On campus**

- Follow guidelines from University Health Services
- Special case for the College of Dentistry
  - COVID-19 pre-testing for non-emergent patients
  - ADA safety guidelines for procedures



# Questions?

