Student Visitors to UTHSC

To provide for the health and safety of UTHSC employees, students and visitors during the ongoing pandemic, the Research Ramp-up Implementation Committee proposes that visiting students (i.e., non-UTHSC students) follow the same COVID-19 guidelines as UTHSC students working in research labs at the UTHSC Memphis campus.

Visiting students that opt to participate in UTHSC programs must meet the following requirements:

* **Vaccination:** Students are encouraged to be vaccinated against COVID-19. Individuals are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after receiving the final dose required by the manufacturer.
* **COVID-19 Guidelines:** Adherence to CDC and TNDOH guidelines intended to prevent the spread of COVID-19 is required.
	+ All students are expected to perform a daily self-screen for fever or viral symptoms. Symptomatic individuals must not come to campus and are encouraged to be tested for COVID-19.
	+ Non-vaccinated students are expected to:
		- Use a facemask covering the mouth and nose while on campus
		- Maintain social distancing (>6 feet between individuals)
		- Routinely practice hand hygiene
* **Signed Agreement:** Each visiting student must sign the statement that they have reviewed, understood, and agree to follow the UTHSC COVID-19 guidelines. Failure to comply with these guidelines may result in a prohibition from returning to campus and removal from the program in which they are participating.
* **COVID-19 Testing:** Surveillance testing is not a requirement. However, visiting students shall be informed of the availability of COVID-19 testing in the Student Alumni Center (SAC) for asymptomatic individuals. Periodic testing at the expense of the individual student (or their insurance) is encouraged.

Agreement to Follow UTHSC COVID-19 Guidelines

To provide protection to the UTHSC community and prevent the spread of COVID-19, UTHSC has adopted the following guidelines based on guidance from the CDC and Tennessee Department of Health (TNDOH). All personnel on campus at UTHSC are required to comply with these guidelines.

* I will perform a self-screen for symptoms of COVID-19 each day before coming to campus. If I experience any of the following symptoms, I will notify my supervisor and remain off campus until directed to return:
	+ Fever or chills
	+ Cough
	+ Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
	+ Fatigue
	+ Muscle or body aches
	+ Headache
	+ New loss of taste or smell
	+ Sore throat
	+ Congestion or runny nose
	+ Nausea or vomiting
	+ Diarrhea
* If I have not been fully vaccinated I agree to
	+ Wear a facemask while on campus. The mask must be worn to cover the nose and mouth.
	+ Maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from other people.
	+ Routinely practice hand hygiene.
* I agree to report concerns about UTHSC COVID-19 guidelines to my supervisor or UTHSC Campus Safety at labsafety@uthsc.edu.

By signing below, I attest that I have read, understood, and will comply with the UTHSC COVID-19 guidelines. I understand that failure to comply with these guidelines may result in removal from campus or from the program in which I am participating.

Name (print): Signature: Date: