

UAS Faculty and Staff on Campus this Fall Semester.

Thank you for your dedication with assisting our students succeed this semester. I would like to remind you of some important safety measures we have established in Facilities Services during this pandemic.

Facilities Services is following the guidance provided in our UAS COVID-19 Continuity of Operations Plan: <https://sites.google.com/alaska.edu/coronavirus/uas/uas-status>

We have set up six distribution centers around campus where students can pick up supplies (cloth face covering, hand sanitizer, water bottle and extra blue disposable face coverings). We have also established a place in each department where you can pick up additional cleaning supplies. I have attached a document that provides more information on the materials at these locations.

Cleaning & Disinfection

In accordance with our UAS COVID-19 Plan, we are providing cleaning supplies for everyone to clean their area before starting work or class. Custodial crews will be cleaning and disinfecting every night. Our Custodial crew have received training to perform targeted cleaning/disinfection for when we have a COVID positive case or symptomatic person on campus.

Disinfectant Wipes (Plan A & Plan B)

Our **Plan A** is to have a bottle of disinfectant wipes stationed in every classroom, conference room and common area. This will allow students, faculty, staff to wipe down their desk, chair and any common use items before they sit down to work. We were able to get one shipment of Sani-Wipes delivered in March. However, since that time all of our suppliers have either canceled our orders or delayed them until December 2020. Several UA Administrative Staff members have been able to pick up some Sani-Wipes at COSTCO. However, COSTCO only allows one per cardholder so it is not enough for our campus. We will use our stockpile of Sani-Wipes at selected labs and common use areas. Other classrooms will likely need to use Plan B

Our **Plan B** is to have a spray bottle of disinfectant and paper towels in all other spaces that we can't get Sani-Wipes supplies. This will allow students, faculty, staff to spray disinfectant on their desk, chair and any common use items and then use a paper towel to evenly spread the disinfectant before they sit down to work. It is important that you do not wipe dry the surfaces until the disinfectant has had the manufacturer recommended contact time to kill corona viruses (Zep Spirit II contact time for Human Coronavirus is 2 minutes. Pure Hard Surface disinfectant is 30 seconds). When possible, it is best to spray on the disinfectant and leave it, rather than wiping it dry before it has had time to kill any viruses. We recommend that the first person entering a classroom spray all the desks/chairs and then everyone else entering use one or ½ paper towel to spread the disinfectant over their work area. Faculty are encouraged to institute these protocols in their classroom to maximize safety. We have been able obtain enough disinfectant spray and paper towels for the entire semester.

The disinfectant we are using may be a skin irritant to some individuals, so we will have a box of plastic gloves and safety goggles in each classroom available to limit chemical exposure.

Face Coverings

We have distributed all of our cloth face coverings with our UAS logo and due to the positive response, we placed a second order last month which will arrive just as classes start. This should give us enough covering for everyone to have two UAS logo cloth face coverings. In addition to this supply, white cloth face coverings provide by FEMA have been requested and should be here soon.

We have plenty of the blue pleated face coverings. These will be available at all the distribution centers and department areas for anyone who has forgotten their cloth face covering. Juneau Good Samaritans have donated several hand-made cloth face coverings. If you would like one of these please contact Facilities Services for one of the 12 remaining face coverings

Humanity Shields

We have in stock enough Humanity Shields for all Faculty who will be teaching Face-to-Face on campus. Those of you who have talked to Ryan Sand our Emergency Managing Planner and requested should have already received your Humanity Shield. Some Faculty with classes that have limited social distancing ability have requested Humanity Shields for everyone in their class. We have shields in stock for about half of those classes with more scheduled to be delivered Aug 19, 2020. Please follow at the manufacturer's recommendations <https://www.rapidresponseppe.com/> on how to take care of your humanity shield including cleaning, disinfecting and how to keep the shield from fogging.

Classroom Shield

Our goal is to have classroom shields in our most frequently used classrooms. Classroom shields are not required for face-to-face instruction, however it gives the user one more layer of protection (more layers=more safety). We designed and installed one classroom shield in Egan in July. This shield was made from marine vinyl and electrical tubing. This design worked quite well. Unfortunately, it took longer than expected to be fabricated and installed. Also, the vinyl created viewing distortions and cost was more than expected. Therefore, we have come up with different designs based on staff and faculty recommendations. The first design is made from Plexiglas that will be hung from the ceiling. We ordered the Plexiglas several weeks ago and now the sales representative said the shipment was delayed until Aug 18-21. We placed a second order with another vendor for a clear hanging vinyl. Their sales representative also said they would not arrive until September 1, 2020 due to delays. Once the shields arrive, it will take about a week to get the classroom shields installed once they arrive here in Juneau. Our goal is to have classroom shields in our most frequently used classrooms. We will keep you updated as the semester draws near.

Signage

We have installed many new signs on building entrances, classrooms, bathrooms and high traffic areas. People notice signs the first couple of items they see them, then they become almost

invisible. We will change out the message on these signs periodically to help keep them noticeable. Please let us know if you see a place for another sign or if you have a good idea for a sign.

Hand Sanitizer

We have placed hand sanitizer stations at the entrance of every building and many other high traffic areas. We currently have in stock a couple month's worth of re-fill cartridges, while a second shipment is has again been delayed until December. We have been able to obtain enough small 2-oz bottles of hand sanitizer for handout and then they can be re-filled at one of the six distribution stations. Please remind our students that most health officials say that washing your hands with soap and water is more effective than hand sanitizer.

Please contact our Emergency Management Planner, Ryan Sand @ 796-6015 or rgsand@alaska.edu, for ideas on how to improve the health and safety for your classes this fall. Please contact Cody Bennet for any Information Technology solutions for your classes. Thank you again for your dedication to our students and please let us know how we can help.

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