**Multiple changes to COVID-19 related operations**

The return-to-campus date for all staff who work on campus during the summer and faculty with 12-month appointments was adjusted to **July 1, 2021**. Faculty with 9-month appointments should be back on campus no later than August 19. Alternate work arrangement plans established in connection with COVID-19 expire on June 30.

We understand the expedited timeline may be difficult for some of you, but hopefully the next couple of weeks will allow some time for transition. Please work with your supervisor on the best plan for you. University HR staff is also available to answer questions via email: hr\_delivery@iastate.edu.

The return-to-work message was part of the Board of Regents’ decision to lift the state of emergency and clarify the immediate **expiration of mask requirements on campus**. Faculty, staff, students and visitors to campus are not required to wear a mask or other face covering, with the exception of campus transportation (CyRide), veterinary medicine facilities, research laboratories, or any other healthcare operation, setting, or service. Mask requirements cannot be made for individual offices, and decisions about mask requirements in a research laboratory must be made by the individual responsible for lab operations.

Unvaccinated individuals are strongly encouraged to continue to wear a face covering while on campus.

While vaccinations are encouraged, Iowa State cannot impose any requirement that students, faculty, or staff receive, or provide evidence of having received a vaccination for COVID-19. The university will continue to ensure vaccine availability to faculty, staff, and students either through vaccination opportunities on campus or in partnership with external providers.

**Classes and learning spaces**

Classrooms and other campus spaces will now operate at pre-pandemic capacity, and **physical distancing is not required**, except for veterinary medicine facilities, research laboratories, or any other healthcare operation, setting, or service.

In accordance with the Board of Regents’ message, all classes will return to pre-pandemic formats in the fall, as communicated in a May 13 [message to all students](https://www.dso.iastate.edu/covid19resources). In addition, the [Provost’s May 13 message](https://www.provost.iastate.edu/about/covid-19--fall-planning-resources/ay-21-22-class-attendance) to all faculty announced a return to the university’s traditional class attendance policy.

For more details and future updates, remember to check the university’s [moving forward page](https://web.iastate.edu/safety/updates/covid19).