



COVID-19 Update

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The safety of the University of Michigan community remains the number one priority of Facilities & Operations. F&O is focused on providing continuity of service and adapting our operations as circumstances change.

We are committed to following protocols to protect your health and safety by:

- Following [CDC](#) and [Michigan Department of Health and Human Services](#) guidance.
- Maintaining operations in [Environment, Health & Safety](#) which support workplace safety, illness and injury prevention, and emergency response.
- Setting procedures in place for cleaning areas with ill persons suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19. **If you have an ill person suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19 and need to inquire about additional cleaning of their space, contact the Facilities Services Center at 734-647-2059. Alternatively, EHS-Covid-19-Reporting@umich.edu can be contacted to assist in risk assessment issues regarding ill persons in the workplace.**

Highlighted actions include:

- Custodial Services has increased cleaning and disinfection in buildings to focus on high-touch surfaces. High-touch surfaces include doorknobs and handles, door push plates and crash bars, light switches, elevator buttons, handrails, drinking fountains, phones in common areas, classroom desks, classroom and conference tables, classroom and conference chair arms, restroom dispensers, restroom partitions and latches, sinks and faucet handles, and toilet and urinal handles.
- Logistics, Transportation & Parking has adjusted bus schedules. We will continue to evaluate operations as the situation evolves and provide updates at <https://ltp.umich.edu/2020/03/11/covid-19-update/>.
- We have upgraded the cleaning of our buses to EPA-registered antimicrobial products for use against COVID-19.
- Maintenance teams are closely monitoring air handling and heating and cooling systems.
- Construction projects are continuing and contractors are required to implement CDC guidelines and follow all state and county mandates.

There are everyday actions we can all take to help prevent the spread of all respiratory viruses:

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Consider alternatives to shaking hands.
- Unless you are sick with cough, sneezing and fever, it is not advised to wear a mask.

Please refer to the university's [COVID-19 information page](#) for additional information and updates.