

August 6 Campus Update Regarding Physical Plant Actions

To the UF Community:

In response to this ever-changing environment, we are continuing to incorporate best practices to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and protect all UF community members to the best of our ability. The following are examples of what steps we have taken at the Physical Plant in conjunction with our Safety & Health Team and Campus Leaders.

- Disinfectant wipes are being placed in all classrooms for students and employees to wipe down their respective areas
- New Hand Sanitizing Stations and individual hand sanitizing pump dispensers are being placed throughout campus. We are using stand-alone pump dispensers rather than wall-mounted units so they can be placed in more prominent areas. Hand sanitizer will be made available in office/house common areas.
- Plexiglass barriers are being installed in high traffic locations where physical distancing is not always possible.
- Face shields have been ordered so they can be utilized in all lab settings as well as any other areas where that would be preferable to a face covering.
- Drinking fountains are being replaced with bottle filler stations.
- New Electrostatic sprayers are being used to increase the efficacy of disinfecting furniture and “touch” areas: These sprayers create an electric shock to the disinfectant that is being discharged. These positively charged particles are attracted to negatively charged surfaces (basically everything around you) and wrap the disinfectant around the entire surface for maximum exposure and effectiveness.

The next step in our COVID-19 mitigation efforts is to reduce the amount of exposure one might have in their personal offices. To protect you and our housekeepers, starting Monday, August 10, housekeeping staff will no longer enter individual personal office spaces to clean them or remove trash. Housekeeping will continue to clean common areas and restrooms in buildings daily. In houses, common areas and restrooms will be cleaned twice per week.

Frequently Asked Questions

What do I do with my trash and recycling?

- Larger trash cans have been placed in common office areas where the recycling containers are located. There is also an additional recycling container for paper only in the same location.

Do I have to bring my own cleaning supplies for my personal office space?

- You can, but we can also provide individuals with items as requested. For office houses, we will provide easy access to the necessary cleaning materials.
 - Disinfectant wipes will be located in common areas.

- Additional cleaning supplies can be requested through our work order system.

Will my personal office space ever be cleaned by our staff?

- With the current schedule, the University will be on break from Thanksgiving to January 2. During that time, we will go into offices (unless you request, we do not) and clean offices.

Requests for additional assistance can be submitted via a work order, and will be addressed on an individual basis.

We realize this is yet another change in a time of many changes in our lives. However, we are following best practices and we feel having fewer people in your personal office space will help protect our campus and mitigate the spread of the virus.

Feel free to reach out to Tom Lause or myself if you have any questions or suggestions.

Respectfully yours,

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