

Guidelines for Re-opening of Operations by Communicable Disease Risk

Re-opening Phase	Tier 1 Minimal Risk	Tier 2 Low Risk	Tier 3 Moderate Risk	Tier 4 High Risk
Patient Care				
Patient/visitor screening	At check-in	At check-in	Pre-appointment at building entry or check-in	Pre-appointment at building entry or check-in
Pre-procedural testing	No	No	No	No
Universal admission testing	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
PPE				
Universal masking	**Yes, when < 6 ft from patients	Yes, in all clinical care and public spaces, see table below for additional details	Yes, in all settings	Yes, in all settings
Eye protection	Required: all high-risk aerosol generating procedures and per standard and transmission-based precautions	Required: all high-risk aerosol generating procedures and per standard and transmission-based precautions Recommended: all direct interaction with patients and visitors	Required: all direct interaction with patients and visitors	Required: all direct interaction with patients and visitors
N95 respirator or PAPR	Required: Per standard and transmission-based precautions Recommended: when performing high-risk aerosol-generating procedures	Required: Per standard and transmission-based precautions Recommended: when performing high-risk aerosol-generating procedures	Required: Per standard and transmission-based precautions Recommended: when performing high-risk aerosol-generating procedures	Required: Per standard and transmission-based precautions Recommended: when performing high-risk aerosol-generating procedures
Gatherings and Distancing in Common Spaces**				
Lobbies and waiting rooms	None required	None required	6 ft	6 ft
Workrooms	None required	None required	6 ft	6 ft
Breakrooms	None required	3 ft apart, mask after eating	6 ft apart, mask after eating	6 ft apart, mask after eating
Cafeterias	None required	3 ft apart, mask after eating	6 ft apart, mask after eating	6 feet apart, mask after eating
Meetings/Conferences/Indoor gatherings	None required No restrictions on food/drink	3 ft apart, no food consumed	6 ft apart, no food consumed	No in-person meetings/gatherings
Outdoor gatherings	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed; Food allowed

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	Food allowed	Food allowed	Food allowed	Maintain 6 ft distancing Size limits per applicable NC guidance
Additional people/services on site**				
Duke students	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed
Allied health professions students with established rotations at Duke	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Restricted
Visiting students or scholar (e.g., away rotations)	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Restricted
Shadowing learners	Allowed	Allowed	Restricted	Restricted
Vendors	Allowed	Allowed; maintain 3 ft distance	Limited to clinical need; maintain 6 ft distance	Restricted to clinical need; no unit-based education
Volunteers	Restricted from Special Airborne Contact Isolation (SAC) rooms	Allowed; maintain 3 ft distance	Limited; maintain 6 ft distance	Restricted
Pet therapy	Restricted from Isolation rooms	Restricted from Isolation rooms	Restricted from Isolation rooms	Restricted from Isolation rooms
Patient/family support groups	Allowed	Allowed; maintain 6 ft distance	Use virtual option	Use virtual option
Interviews	In person interviews, tours, and shadowing allowed	In person interviews, tours, and shadowing allowed; maintain 3 ft distance	In person interviews, tours allowed; maintain 6 ft distance	Initial interviews done virtually; on-site interview/ tour can occur case-by-case
Travel				
Sponsored	Allowed	Allowed; entity approval required	Restricted – exceptions with entity leader approval	Restricted – exceptions with entity leader approval
Personal	Allowed Follow applicable CDC, NC guidance	Allowed Follow applicable CDC, NC guidance	Allowed Follow applicable CDC, NC guidance	Allowed Follow applicable CDC, NC guidance

*All patient visitors are required to comply with all safety procedures; all learners, volunteers, vendors must additionally comply with DUHS Mandatory Vaccination Policy.

**This assumes that universal masking and social distancing in healthcare facilities is no longer recommended by CDC, NC DHHS, and/or OSHA.

Guidelines for Masking by Setting in Tier 2 Re-opening

Healthcare workers

Setting	Mask Requirements
Clinical Buildings (inpatient and outpatient buildings where patient care is delivered)	Masks required at all times EXCEPT: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• When actively eating or drinking in designated areas (i.e., break rooms or cafeterias)• Working alone in a private office
Non-Clinical/Administrative Buildings	Masks not required. Masks optional during meetings with others based on personal preference.
Public Transportation (shuttles/buses/vans)	Masks required at all times.

Note: We recommend that **unvaccinated team members** continue to mask in all settings, except when actively eating or drinking.

In **settings where masks are no longer required**, we recommend that team members continue to ask colleagues if they would prefer for them to be masked and that everyone treat one another with kindness and respect.

Patients and visitors

Patients and visitors must continue to wear masks while visiting a Duke Health facility, consistent with our existing policies.