

## **NDSU & SNRS Related Procedures Modified by COVID-19**

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This document's intent is to create an organized and up-to-date list of all the procedures that have been modified due to COVID-19.

This includes new and modified procedures. The most recent version of this form as well as other relevant forms will be available on the SNRS Resources page

(<https://www.ndsu.edu/snrs/resources/>)

### **Overarching Guidance**

Governor Burgum rescinded the state emergency declaration due to COVID 19 on April 30, 2021.

NDSU President Bresciani has asked all remote NDSU workers to return to their duty stations no later than June 7, 2021.

- Effective June 6, 2021 masks are optional in NDSU facilities
- Every person should be comfortable to continuing to wear a mask in their personal discretion and should not face any pressure to discontinue mask usage.

### **Large Group Guidance**

This guidance provides details for hosting gatherings that are congruent with current NDSU and state recommendations. If local restrictions (county or city) are more restrictive, they are to be followed. NDSU VP of Ag Affairs guideline clarifications:

- No pre-approval for large group gatherings required
- High-risk individuals and their caregivers should take extra precautions to avoid crowds and large gatherings
- No "communal self-serve" (ex. load your own plate with hotdish) food should be offered
- All water and beverages should be served in individual containers, containers should not be reused, new container with any refill

- Portable restrooms and/or cleaning of restrooms in facilities at least once daily, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html>
- Hand washing/sanitizing capabilities should be offered

### **COVID Travel Guidance**

Multiple employees are now allowed in the same vehicle for travel. To reduce the risk of COVID transmission, vaccinations are strongly encouraged for all employees. This is particularly true for those who are traveling as part of work teams in the same vehicle.

Employees or supervisors wishing to have groups travel in the same vehicle should have their request reviewed and approved by their department head, chair, or director prior to travel dates. Approval at the Vice President's level for this type of travel is no longer required.

Employees who do not feel comfortable traveling in groups may discuss the situation with their department head, chair, or director to seek alternative solutions.