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

Effective Monday, August 9, NDSU is strongly recommending that all people wear masks in indoor spaces when social distancing cannot be maintained. The following rules will also apply:

- Every person should be comfortable wearing a mask and is encouraged to do so. People should not face any pressure to discontinue doing so.
- Faculty may require masks to be worn in their classes at their discretion.
- Health care operations on campus, including Student Health Service and Counseling Center, will continue to be able to mandate masks in accordance with regular health care protocols.

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.