

DEPARTMENT: School of Dentistry (SOD)	SUBJECT: COVID-19 Safety Policy
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PURPOSE: The purpose of this policy is to outline the safety measures for all persons who enter the SOD building during the COVID-19 pandemic. These measures are to assure the health and safety of all individuals and to assure the school's compliance with laws and regulations. Violations of the provisions of this policy will be handled in accordance with the appropriate disciplinary policy.

POLICY:

All individuals who enter the SOD building are required to:

1. Obtain a mask, if one is not already worn upon entry. All UTHealth who carry an ID badge and enter through the designated self-screening entrance will need to supply their own mask.
 - i) A mask must cover one's nose and mouth and must be worn at all times except:
 - (1) When the individual is eating; or
 - (2) When the individual is a patient and is receiving care.
 - (3) When an individual is alone in his/her office or cubicle (at least 6 feet away from others);
2. Answer COVID-19 screening questions.
 - (1) All individuals who carry a UTHealth ID badge and enter through the designated self-screening entrance will complete a self-screen by completing the digital survey.
 - (2) All individuals who do not carry a UTHealth ID badge, **or individuals who do carry a UTHealth ID badge but choose not to use the self-screening entrance** will be required to show the green or yellow check mark from the digital survey to the building screeners, or answer the screening questions in person.
3. Have temperature checked.
 - (1) All individuals who carry a UTHealth ID badge and enter through the designated self-screening entrance will self-screen their temperature.
4. Use hand sanitizer.*

5. Identification badges (ID) must be displayed by employees and students/residents presenting to the screening station.
6. Obtain a wristband to be worn while in the building to identify you as a screened individual.*

(1) Wristbands will not be given to individuals who enter through the designated self-screening entrance.

7. Practice frequent hand hygiene, using either hand sanitizer or soap and water.
8. Practice social distancing (maintaining at least 6 feet of distance from others) while around and in the building, including the Cooley Center and its courtyard, while eating and in all classrooms and conference rooms.
9. Avoid gathering in groups.

*For individuals with chemical sensitivities, allergies, or adverse reactions to materials used during the screening procedures:

- **Employees:** complete a Supervisors' First Report of Injury document and make an appointment for evaluation at UTHealth Employee Health Services by calling 713-500-3267. Results should be reported to the employee's supervisor as soon as available. Employees will be treated according to the plan prescribed by their provider.
- **Students:** schedule an appointment for evaluation and screening at UTHealth Student Health & Counseling Services (713-500-5171). Results should be reported to the Associate Dean for Student and Academic Affairs as soon as available. Students will be treated according to the plan prescribed by their provider.
- **Others:** will be addressed on an individual basis.