

UW SPH AUTUMN 2021 QUARTER RETURN TO CAMPUS – STUDENT COMMUNICATIONS

Dear SPH students,

We are excited to welcome you to campus this autumn as we return to in-person instruction! Collaboration and being together in community are hallmarks of public health, our school, and our University. Coming back together in person with appropriate safeguards in place is consistent with our commitment to 1) protect the health and safety of the community, 2) center our students by doing our best to provide quality education and learning, and 3) promote equity in our practices and policies.

Because classes will not as a default be available for synchronous remote viewing or participation, **it is very important that if you have circumstances limiting your ability to attend in-person classes regularly, you request an accommodation or a special arrangement to take courses remotely during autumn 2021.** Critical information about eligibility, instructions and deadlines for requesting accommodations and special arrangements is provided at the end of this document. In addition, if you need to temporarily quarantine or isolate per CDC guidance and/or campus policy, notify your instructors by email as soon as possible AND notify [Environmental Health & Safety](#) (EH&S). Under these circumstances, your instructors will make all course materials, including lecture recordings where possible, available to you. You will not be penalized for not participating in class in person on days when you are isolating or in quarantine.

To prepare for your safe return to campus, please be sure to:

- Familiarize yourself with the [campus-wide mask policy](#) and abide by it. While the campus-wide policy is subject to change, here at the UW School of Public Health, we value prevention and protecting the most vulnerable within our community. Therefore, even when masking may not be required, we encourage all individuals to wear masks when they are inside on campus and near others. In addition, we ask that you be respectful that not everyone will feel comfortable being near other people after 16 months of being apart.
- [Get fully vaccinated before you arrive on campus.](#)
 - If you cannot get fully vaccinated before you arrive on campus, check the [UW's Autumn 2021 website](#) for more information about where and how to get vaccinated once you arrive.
- Complete your [COVID vaccine attestation](#) as soon as possible.
- Determine if you will need to quarantine and/or get tested for COVID when you arrive.
 - If you are returning to campus from out of state or abroad, you may need to quarantine before attending orientation or classes. Please check the [CDC's Domestic](#) and [International](#) travel pages for the latest recommendations for vaccinated and unvaccinated travelers.



- Check the [UW's Autumn 2021 website](#) for more information about testing on campus.

If you have any questions, please see linked [FAQ](#) or reach out to Student and Academic Services by email at sphas@uw.edu. Thanks to all of you for your cooperation and flexibility. We are incredibly excited to have everyone back in the classroom and on campus to solve the world's greatest public health problems – together. See you in September!

All the best,
Hilary, Carey, Juanita

REQUESTING ACCOMMODATIONS

You may be eligible for an accommodation administered by the Disability Resources for Students (DRS) to take classes remotely if you are a student who is:

- a. Immunocompromised
- b. Experiencing other diagnosed physical or mental health conditions that preclude you from participating in class in person during the pandemic.

If you think you may qualify for any type of formal accommodation, we encourage you to visit the [Disability Resources for Students \(DRS\)](#) and apply by completing the necessary steps as soon as possible but no later than August 18, 2021.

Please note that it can take 4-6 weeks to get approvals through DRS, so you need to submit any requests well in advance of the beginning of the quarter to have the best outcome. While you are not required to do so, we strongly encourage students to submit both a request to DRS to and simultaneously submit a [request for special arrangements](#) to the SPH Office of the Dean, in case the DRS request is delayed or not approved.

If your request to DRS for accommodation is approved, DRS will directly notify your instructors (in addition to you) to let them know of your accommodations.

Student and Academic Services in the SPH Office of the Dean (sphas@uw.edu), your program director, or program student services advisor are all happy to be of assistance as you navigate the formal accommodation process.

REQUESTING SPH SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS

You may be eligible for a special arrangement to remotely take classes offered by the SPH if you are an SPH student who is:

- a. Living with someone who is immunocompromised OR
- b. Unable to travel to the US because you are unable to obtain a visa

If you believe you may qualify for a special arrangement to take your SPH classes remotely, please complete and submit this [form](#) to the Students and Academic Services team in



the Office of the Dean as soon as possible (ideally no later than September 1, 2021). If you have any questions, please reach out to Student and Academic Services by email at sphas@uw.edu.

If your request to SPH for a special arrangement for remote learning is approved, we will notify both you and your instructors in SPH by email. *Please note that **SPH special arrangements are not campus-wide: they are only applicable to students matriculated in School of Public Health programs for the courses they are taking in the School of Public Health.** The SPH Office of the Dean will not notify instructors or staff outside SPH about special arrangements granted to students as other units/schools on campus do not necessarily have the same policies regarding special arrangements.*

All the best,

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