

ON-CAMPUS COVID-19 GUIDANCE FOR VENDORS AND CONTRACTORS

As of: August 26, 2020

With Virginia Tech's Aug. 3 shift to modified operations status, university vendors and contractors are reminded that while doing business on campus, or within a university owned or leased facility, your company and its representatives should observe the latest public health and safety guidance and uphold the Community Wellness Commitment.

Supervisors from your firm should proactively communicate these expectations with your company's representatives, staff, subcontractors and employees before they arrive on campus. The most recent guidance includes, but is not limited to, university requirements and best practices for:

- Wearing a face covering or mask in indoor and outdoor settings, with limited exceptions.
- Maintaining appropriate physical distance.
- Practicing good personal hygiene, including frequent handwashing, covering coughs or sneezes, and avoiding touching the face.
- Reporting any symptoms or potential exposures to COVID-19 to their Virginia Tech university contact or the Procurement Department (contact information below).
- Reporting any positive or suspected cases of COVID-19 to their Virginia Tech university contact or the Procurement Department (contact information below).
- Staying home if they are sick.

Like employees and students, vendors and contractors are also expected to complete the daily Hokie Health check survey before coming to any Virginia Tech campus or office. This health check can be completed by downloading the Hokie Ready app. If preferred, a vendor or contractor may use a paper version of the survey.
https://ready.vt.edu/content/ready_vt_edu/en/health.html#app.html

The Community Wellness Commitment exemplifies the university and community's pledge to care for the health and well-being of every member of our community. The university appreciates the participation of our vendors and contractors in this commitment. https://ready.vt.edu/content/dam/ready_vt_edu/well/wellness-commitment-8.5x11-VT.pdf

In addition:

- The Governor of Virginia issued Executive Order on August 21, 2020, Amended Number Sixty-Seven (2020) and Order of Public Health Emergency Seven, Phase Three Further Easing of Certain Temporary Restrictions due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). This includes the Guidelines for All Business Sectors, to establish policies and practices for maintaining appropriate physical distance.
<https://www.governor.virginia.gov/media/governorvirginiagov/governor-of-virginia/pdf/eo/Amended-EO-67--Order-of-Public-Health-Emergency-Seven.pdf>
- The Town of Blacksburg passed Ordinance 1942, on August 11, 2020 which was enacted a requirement to wear a mask or face covering.
https://blacksburg.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=20&event_id=5647&meta_id=91053
- The Department of Labor and Industry has issued a new Regulation 16VAC25-220, Emergency Temporary Standard, Infectious Disease Prevention: SARS-CoV-2 Virus That Causes COVID-19, effective July 27, 2020 which enacted to establish requirements for employers to control, prevent, and mitigate the spread of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) to and among employees and employers.
<https://www.doli.virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/COVID-19-Emergency-Temporary-Standard-FOR-PUBLIC-DISTRIBUTION-FINAL-7.17.2020.pdf>

Also, more information on the university's response to COVID-19 and any future updates to public health and safety guidance can be found at <https://ready.vt.edu/>. If your company has any questions, please contact procurement@vt.edu or 540-231-6221.