

## Dear Northeastern University in Seattle Community,

Following the University's <u>announcement</u> regarding relaxed mask-wearing and density policies on its Massachusetts campuses, we wanted to follow up on our campus reopening plans over the coming months.

Each Northeastern campus adheres to state and local public health guidelines where they are more restrictive than university protocols. Although Washington State Department of Health permits fully-vaccinated people to stop wearing masks indoors in most settings, it has not yet released updated guidance for higher education. Additionally, Public Health – Seattle & King County recently issued an updated masking directive recommending that people should remain masked in indoor public settings regardless of vaccination status. Following the county guidance, we will continue to require masks in our Seattle campus buildings—both for fully vaccinated and non-vaccinated people—while this local directive is in place.

Per university protocols, we will also continue to maintain our weekly COVID-19 testing requirement, including for fully vaccinated individuals. Our on-campus testing center is open Tuesdays (12:30-6:30pm), Wednesdays (12:30-6:30pm), and Thursdays (9:30am-3:30pm). Please continue to schedule your testing appointments <a href="here">here</a>.

Regarding on-campus density requirements, we expect to return to full capacity in our classrooms and study areas by July 6th in keeping with Washington State's reopening plan. Until density restrictions are lifted, everyone must continue to observe all campus signage on capacity limits and density restrictions.

These requirements are subject to change at any time as new guidance becomes available.

Other news, the Amazon Banana Stand has reopened in addition to several restaurants in South Lake Union. The recovery has started and we look forward to hosting a range of on campus events this summer to welcome everyone back to campus.



As a reminder, the Seattle campus will be closed on Monday, May 31 for Memorial Day.

Regards,
Dave Thurman