

OPERATIONAL PLAN

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Operation Plan: Economics & Finance Department

Work Schedules for Econ & Finance Department Employees

1. We will continue to encourage telework for our department where possible, especially for employees who are high-risk or caring for someone who is high-risk.
2. Supervisors and employees will coordinate schedules to ensure alignment with appropriate public health guidelines. For employees who work in shared offices or workspaces, social distancing will be required.
3. As social distancing will be required for employees who work in shared offices or workspaces, no more than 2 employees are permitted to work at one time in HH 615.

Employee Safety Guidelines for Onsite Work

1. All employees will follow USU's COVID-19 hygiene standards, including frequent handwashing and/or use of hand sanitizer, avoiding touching their eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands, and covering coughs and sneezes.
2. Employees will wear a cloth face covering when 6-foot social distancing is difficult to maintain. The department will provide two face coverings for each employee. Face coverings should be changed or laundered each day.
3. Face coverings are not required when only one employee is in an office or conference room. Employees are required to wear face coverings in common areas, hallways, restrooms, and the break room, where office members may pass or briefly interact at a close distance.
4. Meetings will be scheduled in spaces that facilitate social distancing and/or occur remotely using web-conferencing tools.
5. If an employee experiences COVID-19 symptoms, that individual will be advised to stay home until (1) there has been no fever for 3 days; (2) symptoms have improved, AND (3) it has been at least 10 days since the onset of symptoms (per CDC guidelines). The employee should also complete USU's [Symptomatic Employee form](#) and contact [USU Risk Management](#).
6. Individuals who have traveled to an area with high levels of community spread, or who have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 may be required to work from home for at least 14 days.

Events, Programming, and/or Services

1. Meetings will continue to be held virtually where possible or with a hybrid of in-person and virtual attendees to ensure adequate social distancing in conference rooms.
2. Training will be provided virtually. In-person training may be provided when spaces aligned with COVID-19 safety guidelines are available.
3. Appointments for department services will be held virtually or scheduled so that social distancing, use of face coverings, and cleanliness can be maintained.
4. Instructors will hold their office hours virtually when possible. In-person meetings are discouraged, but when necessary should be held by appointment only (no drop-ins).

Facility Protocols to Protect Employees and Visitors

1. USU-approved signage that lists (1) COVID-19 symptoms and (2) COVID-19 preventative measures will be posted at all building entrances, as well as on all office or department entrances. Employees or visitors who are exhibiting symptoms will be instructed to return home and conduct business remotely.
2. Common use high-touch surface areas, including telephones, door handles, light switches, copiers, tables, chairs, refrigerators, microwaves, etc., will be wiped down with disinfectants after each use by the individual users. All high-touch surfaces will also be wiped down at the close of each business day.
3. Employees will wipe down their respective workstations at the close of their time in the office.
4. Front desk staff will sit behind a plexiglass barrier to conduct business. They will be required to wear a face covering when interacting with visitors. The front office will not be manned until an appropriate barrier is in place. Until that time, signage indicating contact information for appropriate staff will be placed at the front desk.
5. The reception area and conference room will include hand sanitizer, tissues, and a no-touch trashcan. Approved USU floor decals will be placed in the reception area to indicate where to stand and/or wait at an appropriate social distance.
6. Chairs will be removed and/or signage will be placed on reception area furniture to facilitate social distancing while guests wait. Tables and chairs will be removed from common areas to discourage congregating.
7. The conference room will be limited to 3 people to facilitate social distancing (6 feet apart). Unless it creates a privacy, data security, or other security risk, internal doors will be propped open to increase ventilation and eliminate the need to touch door handles.
9. Individuals are encouraged to use person workspace printers rather than common area copiers. When used, common area copier will be wiped down with disinfectants after each use by the individual user. Only one person in the workroom at a time.

Training and Communication Plan for Return to Onsite Operations

1. A copy of this plan will be emailed to department employees. Department plans will also be available on the employee resources section of the Huntsman School website.
2. Preparations for return to work and expectations will be discussed during weekly staff meetings. Space will be reserved on the agenda to answer questions from employees.
3. Employees who have recently been symptomatic or who become symptomatic will be instructed to work from home and seek medical treatment if the needed. They will also need to complete USU's [Symptomatic Employee form](#) and contact [USU Risk Management](#) immediately. The state of Utah recommends COVID-19 testing if any of the following are present: fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, muscle aches and chills, or decreased sense of smell or taste.
4. Before an employee returns to work, their supervisor must approve the date they will return to onsite work to ensure proper work arrangements including social distancing, wearing of face coverings, and proper hygiene activities.

Travel Needs and Limitations for the Coming Year

1. The department will continue to limit out-of-state travel for business purposes, including conferences and training.
2. Employees will be advised to check for COVID-19 symptoms before and after travel for personal or business reasons. If symptoms are present, the employee will be required to stay home until (1) there has been no fever for 3 days; (2) symptoms have improved, AND (3) it has been at least 10 days since the onset of symptoms (per CDC guidelines).
3. Employees returning from high risk areas or who have had contact with infected individuals may be required to work from home for at least 14 days.