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Dear Students,

USU has created a new, color-coded "class status" process to help minimize the risk of COVID-19 exposure in the classroom. Here's what to expect for fall semester.

Class Seating Charts

In any of your classes with more than 10 students, a seating chart will be used to track where you are sitting. Stickers will be placed on seats to indicate row letters and seat numbers.

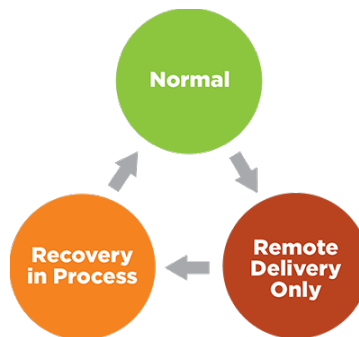
After the first week of classes, your instructors will tell you how to enter your seat number in Canvas. **You must sit in the same seat for the rest of the semester.** This is extremely important for tracking cases of COVID-19 and helping classes remain in person.

If you add a class after the second week or are absent when the instructor directs students to enter seat assignments, please communicate with your instructor and select your seat in Canvas based on what remains available.

Green-Red-Orange Class Status

There will be courses where USU's [Case Containment Team](#) identifies multiple active cases of COVID-19. USU's goal is to reduce their disruption of in-person classes as much as possible using this process.

You will receive an announcement in Canvas whenever one of your courses has a change in status. Install the MyUSU and Canvas apps on your phone so you are notified as quickly as possible.



Green Status: Normal

Classes are held face-to-face as scheduled. If your class is in green status, but you are in self-isolation or quarantine, the instructor will make accommodations so your learning is not disrupted.

Red Status: Remote Delivery Only

If there are too many active cases or exposures to contain through quarantining individual students, a class will be required to go **temporarily** remote via Zoom.

All students and the instructor will complete the COVID-19 Questionnaire so the Case Containment Team can begin identifying who must quarantine. **Even if you are fully vaccinated and have no symptoms, you must fill out the questionnaire.** The Case Containment Team will verify that you have [uploaded your proof of full vaccination](#) and release you from the quarantine requirement.

Instructors will hold class via Zoom at the regularly scheduled day/time and provide a Zoom link to students via Canvas.

Orange Status: Recovery in Progress

The class may return to face-to-face teaching as soon as the instructor is cleared by the Case Containment Team. As individual students are cleared by case containment, they may return to class. The instructor will accommodate students not attending in-person by providing recorded lectures and online course material.

The class will return to green status when the current risk has been addressed.

You can find this information online at usu.edu/covid-19/students/classroom-exposure.

Simple Steps to Do Your Part

You can help keep classes, events, and activities happening in person this semester by following these steps:

1. **Get vaccinated if you're able.** Vaccines are the best available tool to help stop the spread of COVID-19, especially with more contagious variants circulating. Though much misinformation and disinformation has been circulated about the vaccines, [they are safe, free, and easy to access](#).
2. **If you are vaccinated, let USU know.** You are not required to quarantine if you are exposed to COVID-19 and do not have symptoms. Please [upload your proof of full vaccination](#) to AggieHealth so USU's COVID case containment team can verify you are exempt from that requirement.
3. **Stay home if you're sick** and get tested for COVID-19 if you have symptoms or have been exposed. It's important to not bring any illness to campus. COVID-19 has many different symptoms that may change with new variants.
4. **Wear a mask indoors.** Public health experts recommend that even vaccinated people wear masks indoors in high COVID-19 transmission areas, which includes most of Utah. On the Logan campus, **masks are required on the Aggie Shuttle** in accordance with a CDC rule about public transit.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility, and for your dedication to help keeping our USU community healthy.

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