

SCNM Campus COVID-19 Safety Levels

IMPORTANT: The following chart is used for planning purposes only and acts as a general guidance for SCNM's COVID Taskforce. All operational changes due to a shift in Safety Levels must be discussed and decided on by the COVID Taskforce. A shift in Safety Levels must be able to be maintained for a substantial amount of time to minimize the need for on-going changes and to set expectations for all community members. **Last updated: December 17, 2021**

Adapted from <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#datatracker-home>

		Safety Level Blue	Safety Level Yellow	Safety Level Orange	Safety Level Red	Safety Level Crimson
Guidance to COVID Taskforce	On-Campus Students & Employees	Vaccination rate > 95% AND No active cases.	Vaccination rate >75% AND/OR < 2 active cases with consideration of on-campus transmission.	Vaccination rate > 60% AND/OR < 4 active cases with consideration of on-campus transmission.	Vaccination rate < 60% AND/OR > 5 active cases with consideration of on-campus transmission.	Vaccination rate < 60% AND/OR > 5 active cases AND substantial on-campus transmission.
	State/Local Transmission Data	None or minimal community spread.	Minimal or moderate community spread.	Substantial community spread.	Substantial community spread.	Substantial community spread AND/OR overwhelm of public health infrastructure.
	Campus*	SCNM is open and following pre-pandemic capacity guidelines with few exceptions.	<p>SCNM is open to the public with select restrictions per public health guidance.</p> <p>Campus resources for students available on a limited basis to students in compliance with the vaccination/testing protocols who are adhering to safety protocols.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outdoor areas accessible for groups of 4+ with social distancing and masking employed. CC study pods for single person use. AB and CC buildings in-person study spaces open for up to 2 people per room. Gym and yoga room open for up-to two people at a time. 	<p>SCNM may be open to the public in some areas with restrictions.</p> <p>Campus resources for students available on a limited basis to students in compliance with the vaccination/testing protocols who are adhering to safety protocols.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outdoor areas accessible for groups of 3-4 with social distancing and masking employed. CC study pods for single person use with advance reservation. AB and CC buildings in-person study spaces open for up to 2 people per room. Gym and yoga room open for one person at a time. 	<p>SCNM is not open to the public.</p> <p>Employees on campus on a limited basis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outdoor areas accessible for groups of 2-3 with social distancing and masking employed. CC study pods for single person use with advance reservation. AB and CC buildings in-person study spaces open for one person per room. Gym and yoga room open for one person at a time with advance reservation. 	<p>SCNM is not open to the public.</p> <p>Only essential employees on campus.</p> <p>Outdoor areas accessible for individuals with masking.</p>

Guidance to COVID Taskforce

Academics (Didactic & Lab)	On-ground courses and labs delivered in-person.	Labs typically delivered in-person. Didactic courses remain online with some exceptions.	Labs and didactic courses delivered online, with some exceptions.	Labs and didactic courses delivered online, with some exceptions.	Labs and didactic courses delivered online only.
Patient Care	On-ground clinic shifts delivered in-person.	Clinic shifts delivered in hybrid fashion, with limited virtual participation.	Clinic shifts delivered in hybrid fashion, with limited in-person participation.	Clinic shifts delivered in hybrid fashion, with in-person participation limited to individuals directly involved with patient care.	Clinic shifts delivered virtually.
Employees	Office and lab interaction restrictions are lifted.	Office and lab interactions are restricted in select areas.	Offices and labs are under strict protocols for interactions with others. Employees on campus on a limited basis.	Offices and labs are under strict protocols for interactions with others. Employees should work remotely, if possible.	Offices and labs are under strict protocols for interactions with others. Only essential employees on campus.
Events* and gatherings (3 or more people)	Event plans do not have to be reviewed by COVID Taskforce.	Events over 10 individuals will require review by COVID Taskforce, according to SCNM Event approval process.	In-person activities are limited to those critical to the SCNM mission. All other activities may be held online. In-person activities must be according to SCNM Event approval process.	Virtual-only activities; events and gatherings canceled / postponed.	Virtual-only activities; events and gatherings canceled / postponed.
Travel (University funded)	Travel is not restricted.	Travel is conducted according to SCNM COVID-19 travel process.	Travel is limited to mission essential. Travel is conducted according to SCNM COVID-19 travel process.	Travel is limited to mission essential and conducted according to SCNM COVID-19 travel process.	University funded travel is suspended.

**Events hosted by SCNM or in SCNM facilities are subject to event approvals. Events capacities that exceed what is listed above must go through the event approval process.*

Safety Levels This color chart is for planning purposes and reflects general planning guidelines for campus decision makers. The guide has five colors or safety levels: blue, yellow, orange, red, and crimson which reference and correlate with levels of COVID-19 transmission and [CDC COVID-19 Tracker](#). The applicability of the color phase is determined by the COVID Taskforce, a team designated by the SCNM Executive Council, which designates the phase based on campus, community, and state factors. The criteria identified, as well as the outcomes, are subject to change without notice.

Guidelines for All Safety Levels

- Please check SCNM’s [COVID FAQs](#) frequently for updates.
- Prior to campus arrival, individuals should self-screen & stay at home when sick.
- Individuals will self-isolate or follow quarantine directives when there is a reasonable belief they have been exposed to COVID-19 infections or are infected.
- Regularly clean high-touch surfaces (e.g., door handles, counters, light switches, remote controls, restroom surfaces).
- Maintain physical distance of at least 6 feet.
- Wash your hands often and use hand sanitizer.
- Do not touch your face or mask.
- Wear a face covering in accordance with SCNM Campus Masking Protocols.
- High-risk individuals should take extra precautions at all safety levels. [Read additional CDC recommendations for high-risk populations.](#)