

Questions and Answers from the Chat 8-24-2020

Hugh Merrill: what about taking off masks outdoors socially distanced??

Masks are required on campus, even outdoors. As stated in the KCAI COVID Policies and Expectations:

- Face coverings are required at all times while on campus (inside and outside of buildings).
- Exceptions are:
 - Alone in a private office with the door closed.
 - In your residence hall/hotel room with roommates with the door closed.
 - While eating or drinking in Wylie Dining or Cafe Nerman.
 - Smoking in a designated smoking area.
 - If a health condition would prohibit me from wearing a face covering. Approval is required for students through the Office of Disability Services, disabilityservices@kcai.edu, and for employees through Human Resources hr@kcai.edu.

Bona Bones: Question: If a student (or faculty/staff) is failing to comply with mask protocols will there be a system for reporting or penalties?

Yes, faculty/staff/students may report violations to safetyreport@kcai.edu. Please include the date/time/location and name of the individual who is failing to comply with the mask protocol or any COVID related expectations.

Students will be referred to Joe Timson, Assistant Dean of Students, for follow up through the KCAI a code of conduct. Noncompliance may result in loss of studio privileges for a period of time, suspension, etc. even on the first offense. Employees will be referred to Human Resources for follow up through the Staff or Faculty Handbook policies/procedures.

Steve Snell: Question: Will there be any mask type standard while on campus? For example, I read that the type with ventilators for easy breathing do nothing to protect others

No. There is no mask type standard for use on campus. Neck gaiters are not approved, but any other type of face mask is acceptable at this time.

Julie Farstad: what happens after they are referred to student affairs?

Student Affairs will follow up through the KCAI Student Code of Conduct on all allegations of failure to adhere to COVID related expectations. We will be tracking reports and actions taken will progress should repeat offenses occur, including but not limited to loss of time in the studio, suspension, etc.

Sharon Reeber: how often should masks be washed?

Masks should be washed after each use. It is important to always remove masks correctly and wash your hands after handling or touching a used mask.

You can include your mask with your regular laundry in the washing machine.
Use regular laundry detergent and the warmest appropriate water setting for the cloth.
Please consult the [CDC guidelines for laundering masks](#).

Casey Whittier: Except there are some departments that have been advised to wear N95's because of dust. So students may need to switch masks and be aware of these differences from building to building.

Ceramics students are wearing KN95s that have been purchased by the department. These are safe to be worn throughout the campus. The Art Store has a small supply of N95 masks for sale. They are \$3.00 each. Additionally, all foundation students will receive a N95 mask as a part of their foundation kit.

Jahaira A: are the masks we got from kcai thick enough?

Yes, the KCAI masks are double layer. You may choose to wear a paper mask underneath for an additional filter, if you choose.

Greg Mackender: How will we receive (or pick up) the care kits mentioned (mask, sanitizer)?

For those faculty/staff who haven't picked up your care kits yet, kits will be distributed to you via mail delivery this week.

Kevin Townsend: What about people wearing the proper mask improperly?

These incidents should be addressed with the person in violation, or you may use the email address safetyreport@kcai.edu to report violations so they may be addressed by the appropriate personnel.

Cary Esser: bambi do you know if they have an opening for a filter to be inserted
The KCAI masks do not have a pocket for a filter.

Jahaira A: so if we're wearing the cloth masks we should still maintain 6ft of distance?

Yes, safe distancing with face coverings is an important strategy for mitigating risk of spread of COVID-19.

Samantha Krukowski: Are we suggesting that any meeting that can be virtual should be virtual?

Yes. If meetings can take place effectively on the screen, that is the preferred mode. If meetings take place in person, they should be set up with a six-foot distance between each person with all wearing masks properly, and meetings can take place outdoors for additional risk mitigation. There should be no handshakes or other close contact.

Michelle Shipp: Is the Jackson County Health Dept. considered a local regulator?
Yes, they are a local entity involved in making recommendations and college officials are meeting with them at minimum on a weekly basis.

Jonah Criswell: If asymptomatic carriers are so common, why not require testing as a preventative measure?

A test is only good for that moment in time. At the time a person tests, they may be negative, but by the time the result is received, they are actually positive but the test reads negative. We have been advised by the KCMO Health Department and MRI Global that testing is not an effective way to mitigate risk at this time. Perhaps this will change over time.

KCAI is following the CDC position on entrance testing for IHEs (Institutes of Higher Education).

Testing asymptomatic individuals without known exposure to a person with COVID-19

Testing of all students, faculty and staff for COVID-19 before allowing campus entry (entry testing) has not been systematically studied. It is unknown if entry testing in IHEs provides any additional reduction in person-to-person transmission of the virus beyond what would be expected with implementation of other infection preventive measures (e.g., social distancing, masks, hand washing, enhanced cleaning and disinfection).

Therefore, CDC does not recommend entry testing of all returning students, faculty, and staff. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/colleges-universities/ihe-testing.html>

However, some IHEs are planning to adopt and implement this testing approach. IHEs planning for this testing approach should take into account the following:

- Acceptability of this testing approach among students, their families, faculty and staff.
- Limited availability of dedicated resources and the logistics needed to conduct broad testing among students, faculty, and staff in IHE settings. Examples of resources include trained staff to conduct tests, personal protective equipment, and physical space for conducting testing safely and ensuring privacy.
- **Limited usefulness of a single administration of testing. Single administration could miss cases in the early stages of infection or subsequent exposures resulting in transmission and would only provide COVID-19 status for individuals at that specific point in time.**

- Specific features of their campus. For example, residential college communities that do not have frequent interaction with surrounding communities might have less potential exposure to COVID-19 than an IHE campus with commuter students or campuses where students engage frequently and/or live within the community.

KCAI has been advised by both MRI Global and the KCMO Health Department not to conduct entrance testing for the reasons stated above.

When testing might be needed:

- Testing individuals with signs or symptoms consistent with COVID-19
- Testing asymptomatic individuals with recent known or suspected exposure to COVID-19 to control transmission

KCAI is contracting with a nurse practitioner who will direct students to accessible testing when indicated based on possible exposure or symptom presentation. Student affairs staff will assist students in determining how they can pay for the test.

Testing individuals with signs or symptoms consistent with COVID-19

Consistent with CDC's recommendations, individuals with COVID-19 signs or symptoms should be referred to a healthcare provider for evaluation on whether testing is needed. In some locations, individuals can also visit their state or local health department's website to look for the latest local information on testing. **KCAI students will be connected with the nurse practitioner.**

One strategy to identify individuals with COVID-19 signs or symptoms is to conduct daily symptom screening such as temperature screening and/or symptom checking for students, faculty, and staff. These screenings are one of many strategies IHEs can use to help lower the risk of COVID-19 transmission. **KCAI is using the Rave Guardian app for these screenings.** However, because symptom screenings are not helpful for identification of individuals with COVID-19 who may be asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic, symptom screening alone will not prevent all individuals with COVID-19 from entering the college. **That's why masks and distancing are critical and mandatory at KCAI.**

IHE administrators and healthcare providers should immediately separate students, faculty, or staff with COVID-19 symptoms by providing distance learning options, isolation rooms in dormitories or other housing facilities, and providing alternative food service arrangements for those who live on campus. **KCAI has 11-12 isolation spaces available in the BMRH. KCAI students may continue to participate in classes remotely if able.**

IHEs can encourage individuals with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 to go to their place of residence, a designated isolation housing location (if living on-campus), or a healthcare facility depending on how severe their symptoms are, and follow CDC guidance for caring for oneself. IHEs can also encourage individuals to watch for

emergency symptoms and seek emergency medical care if these symptoms occur. **KCAI's contract nurse practitioner will guide students accordingly.**

Testing asymptomatic individuals with recent known or suspected exposure to a person with COVID-19

Testing is recommended for all close contacts of persons diagnosed with COVID-19:

- Because of the potential for asymptomatic and/or pre-symptomatic transmission, it is important that contacts of individuals diagnosed with COVID-19 be quickly identified and tested. **This is why the contact tracing calendar, assigned seating/work spaces and attendance taking is critical.**
- Additionally, in accordance with state and local laws and regulations, IHEs should work with local health officials to inform those who have had **close contact** with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 to wear masks if they are able, quarantine in their living quarters or a designated housing location, and self-monitor for symptoms for 14 days. **KCAI will inform those who have had contact with a confirmed case and inform them of the quarantine requirement. Keep in mind close contact must have occurred to require quarantine. Students who test positive will be interviewed to determine if there were incidences of close contact outside of the studio.**

What counts as close contact?

- You were within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more. **This should not happen in the studio if protocols are being followed.**
- You provided care at home to someone who is sick with COVID-19
- You had direct physical contact with the person (hugged or kissed them)
- You shared eating or drinking utensils
- They sneezed, coughed, or somehow got respiratory droplets on you

Steps to take

Stay home and monitor your health/quarantine

- Stay home for 14 days after your last contact with a person who has COVID-19
 - Watch for fever (100.4°F), cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19
 - If possible, stay away from others, especially people who are at higher risk for getting very sick from COVID-19
- Expanded testing might include testing of all people who were in proximity of an individual confirmed to have COVID-19 (e.g., those who shared communal

spaces or bathrooms), or testing all individuals within a shared setting (e.g., testing all residents on a floor or an entire residence hall). Testing in these situations can be helpful because in high density settings it can be particularly challenging to accurately identify everyone who had close contact with an individual confirmed to have COVID-19. For example, students who do not know each other could potentially be close contacts if they are both in a shared communal space. **KCAI will communicate with the KCMO Health Department and the nurse practitioner to determine if larger groups of faculty, staff, and students should be tested.**

- Decisions about the level of risk and the scope of testing should be made in coordination with state, territorial, Tribal, and [local health officials](#). **KCAI will follow the recommendations of MRI Global and the Kansas City, Missouri Health Department.**

Steve Snell: What if entry testing caught a case or two though? Couldn't that help? See above. This type of testing is not recommended for colleges and universities.

Miguel Angel Rivera: What happens if students don't have these devices?

Student Affairs will work with students who do not have reliable devices and make a plan to ensure their compliance with symptom checking. Anyone without access to a phone that supports the app is asked to email Jake Fowler at jfowler@kcai.edu so that he may add you to the list of faculty/staff and students who will receive an email for daily symptom checks.

Samantha Krukowski: Question: The CDC is potentially politically compromised. Why would we not want to know about any active cases whenever they are present?

Catching them seems imperative, even if some testing doesn't catch others.

While we may want to know, testing is not sure to mitigate risk. Masks, distancing and hand washing/sanitizing are the keys for risk mitigation.

Hugh Merrill: Is this a hipaa violation?

Per the [hhs.gov](https://www.hhs.gov) website: The HIPAA Rules only apply to covered entities and business associates. Covered entities include: Health Plans, (including health insurance companies, HMOs, company health plans, and certain government programs that pay for health care, such as Medicare and Medicaid) Most Health Care Providers, and Health Care Clearinghouses. If an entity does not meet the definition of a covered entity or business associate, it does not have to comply with the HIPAA Rules. **Examples of organizations that are not a covered entity and do not have to follow** the Rules include: Life insurers, Employers, Workers compensation carriers, Most schools and

school districts, Many state agencies like child protective service agencies, Most law enforcement agencies, Many municipal offices. KCAI is not a covered entity.

David Overholt: What if we have symptoms from a chronic illness similar to Covid symptoms?

That can be shared by the employee with HR, if they wish. The same can be said for seasonal allergies for many. When in doubt about your symptoms, please feel free to reach out to HR or your medical provider for assistance.

Hugh Merrill: In J&G there is a single entrance and exit, studio A&B are divided by a low wall Jean Schmitt and I teach in this space Jean in the morning and me in the afternoon, in a week 48 different people enter and work in this space. There is no outside ventilation. There are dirty rugs on the floor difficult to clean. How many people are in this bubble. Is this a safe situation?

Colliers is cleaning J and G this week, and one foundation section has been moved from J and G to the Foundation building to allow for more distancing at J and G.

Malena Binger: if we don't check in by 7:30 we can't come to campus?

Monday through Friday

As a means to protect all members of our community, we are asking everyone (faculty/staff/students) to complete the daily symptom check by 7:30am M-F. We realize some do not come on campus until later in the day or perhaps not at all on one or more days during the work week; however, the 7:30am time frame allows our campus security, student affairs, and human resources staff to most effectively track those who should and should not be on campus. This is CRITICAL this semester. Although not ideal, we ask that everyone take personal responsibility to help protect everyone on campus. If this interferes with your normal workday schedule, please contact your direct supervisor for further guidance.

Saturday and Sunday

Instead of requiring everyone to complete the app questionnaire on Saturday and Sunday morning, we are asking all faculty/staff/students to report if they will be on campus on the weekend (Saturday and Sunday and Labor Day) no later than 5pm the FRIDAY prior to that weekend. Faculty/staff and students are expected to complete a short questionnaire that informs campus officials that they will be on campus. Faculty members will assist in reminding students of this requirement, and students who haven't signed up won't be able to access the studio on the weekend. Faculty and staff who do not sign up also cannot come to campus.

Here's the questionnaire: (You must be logged into your kcai.edu Google email to view the questionnaire)

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1GQ46UEp5Dn-dBuA2xPNwu0jKlpovCXkdaYim0fXvfjQ>

Those who will be on campus as recorded on the weekend schedule MUST complete the daily symptom check via the Guardian app or via email for those without the app no later than 9:30am each day or prior to their arrival, whichever is earlier.

Residents in the Barbara Marshall Residence Hall and Marriott Hotel and Students with Commuter Meal Plans

Residents in the Barbara Marshall Residence Hall and Marriott Hotel and students with commuter meal plans MUST complete the daily symptom check in M-F by 7:30am each day AND on weekends no later than 9:30am.

Anyone without access to a phone that supports the app is asked to email Jake Fowler at jfowler@kcai.edu so that he may add you to the list of faculty/staff and students who will receive an email for daily symptom checks.

For additional information about the app and how to download, login, etc. consult MyKCAI. You must login first to view the link.

https://mykcai.kcai.edu/ICS/Safety and Security/Guardian App setup.jnz?portlet=Free-form_Content

Steve Snell: Question: What about the data collected via this app? Can it be shared either now or in future with other companies?

The link below provides information regarding privacy and sharing data collected via the Guardian app.

<https://www.getrave.com/help/Privacy.action>

Jim Whitworth: Can I do this on the laptop?

Faculty/staff and students who do not have access to the app on their phone should email Jake Fowler at jfowler@kcai.edu and he will add the individual to a daily email notification instead of a notification through the app.

Bona Bones: Will we be required to use the app on days we will not be on campus?

Yes. Please see the information above regarding M-F and weekend symptom check-ins on the Guardian app.

Michelle Shipp: What if we can't do it by 7:30 at certain times?

We are asking all employees to do this on a daily basis for the upcoming semester. You will need to adjust your personal schedule in order to perform this task. If you are an hourly employee, please work with your supervisor to determine how best to do this on a daily basis.

See the information above regarding M-F and weekend symptom check-ins on the Guardian app.

Samantha Krukowski: There are open studio hours on weekends - why would we not require apps to be used on weekends too?

See the information above regarding M-F and weekend symptom check-ins on the Guardian app.

Lacey Lewis: Are we answering the questions in the app on just the days we are on campus, or every day?

See the information above regarding M-F and weekend symptom check-ins on the Guardian app.

Casey Whittier: Most of my students are not awake by 730. I might get them to wash their hands or wear a mask, but I don't think I can make them wake up. If they don't report, what happens?

If students and/or employees do not complete the app as requested (see details in other answers regarding M-F and weekends), the issue will be referred to Student Affairs or Human Resources for follow up. This is an expectation and failure to adhere to the expectation may result in further action including but not unlimited to loss of studio privileges.

James Woodfill: Are we still asking students to keep a screenshot of the app?

Yes, we would like everyone to capture a screenshot of their response daily. Faculty and staff may ask for documentation at any time to prove a student has completed the app. As an example, and as an added safety protocol, faculty could choose to ask to see the screenshot daily before students enter the classroom. This is not required, but may be a way to help ensure students have completed the daily check in.

See the information above regarding M-F and weekend symptom check-ins on the Guardian app.

Ari Bonner: Will the information collected through this app be sold to a third-party company?

See the information above regarding privacy and data collection of the Guardian app above.

Elizabeth Davis: Is it possible for KCAI to develop a relationship with a local testing site so students, faculty, and staff can voluntarily get testing easier to help us track asymptomatic cases if they have high proximity to health care workers or those in other high-risk categories?

Free testing sites will be shared with faculty/staff and students, as well as other resources like transportation, food delivery, delivery of medication, etc.

Santiago Cucullu: can you describe the Icon for the app? is it a blue shield with 4 quadrants?

The icon for the app is a blue shield.



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Android: [Rave Guardian App](#)

Elaine Buss: How will we know if students have done the app for that day? Will it be our responsibility to check on that before allowing them in the classroom?

Faculty members will be provided with a report of students not allowed on campus that day. But they may also ask the students to show or send you their screen shot that verifies they have completed the daily symptom check.

David Overholt: If any one of the students/instructors are found to have symptoms, is class then immediately online?

We have established gating criteria. A class does not immediately move online based on one report of symptoms. We will consult immediately with the Kansas City, Missouri health department in making a decision about next steps when a positive case occurs.

What happens if there is a confirmed case on campus?

- KCAI will immediately notify the KCMO Health Department and follow the gating criteria.
- Students and employees are required to disclose the results of the COVID-19 test to hr@kcai.edu or covid@kcai.edu.

- Those with positive test results will be interviewed by campus security for contact tracing purposes.
- Students and employees who test positive are required to isolate themselves for 10 days and be symptom free for at least 24 hours without the aid of any fever reducing medicines (Tylenol), before returning to class/campus and provide medical clearance before returning to campus.
- Students and employees who have been identified through the contact tracing process as having exposure with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 (contact within six feet for more than 15 minutes), will be asked by a college official to quarantine in either their residence hall or other campus housing, or their personal residence for 14 days since the exposure date and time.
- The Nurse Practitioner will only provide support for COVID-related issues and will not provide diagnosis and/or prescriptions.

Karen Staehling: What about for faculty teaching remotely this semester? Do they need to check in and report on the app?

Yes. See the information above regarding M-F and weekend symptom check-ins on the Guardian app.

Rebecca Blocksome: Do we have to complete a daily symptom check even if you are not coming to campus? I only teach one day per week.

Yes. See the information above regarding M-F and weekend symptom check ins on the Guardian app.

Cary Esser: I am concerned about students not having easy and free access to testing, if that is recommended to them.

Student affairs staff will connect students with the nurse practitioner who will refer students to accessible testing resources. There is free testing available in Kansas City and other low cost/no cost options. Student Affairs will work with students on transportation and other resources as needed.

Russell ferguson: What if the pupil or employee does not have an iPhone?

Anyone without access to a phone that supports the app is asked to email Jake Fowler at jfowler@kcai.edu so that he may add you to the list of faculty/staff and students who will receive an email for daily symptom checks.

Diana Heise: If someone in our household has symptoms, do we record that as well in the app?

In the daily symptom check, you should report if you have symptoms related to COVID and/or if you have been exposed to someone with these symptoms or tested positive for COVID.

Ari Bonner: Will we receive a copy of this presentation to later reference?

Faculty and staff will receive an updated copy of the presentation. Updates include new information about the app procedures and the new acknowledgment of expectations document.

Diana Heise: So if my daughter has a fever/etc, but we have not had her tested yet, should I isolate?

We are asking employees to complete the daily symptom check to help determine how best to handle coming on to campus. If you believe your daughter has been exposed to COVID and are waiting on test/test results, please report that using the app.

Angelica DeSimio: Why did the quarantine time frame evolve from 14 days to 10 days? I thought 2 weeks was the standard...

A 10-day isolation period that starts at the onset of symptoms is sufficient, as long as your symptoms are improving and you are fever-free for at least 24 hours at the end of the 10-day stretch, under new recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The change in guidelines comes after a number of new studies show that most people are free of the virus and are no longer contagious 10 days after symptoms develop. Individuals who never experience symptoms of COVID-19 (asymptomatic), but who test positive for the virus are also advised by the CDC to self-isolate for 10 days after taking a coronavirus test. The latest guidelines should help to conserve testing materials and ease a testing backlog that has been building as new coronavirus cases continue to surge in the U.S.

Miles Young: Wouldn't making it a requirement to share all Covid test results to HR be a violation of HIPPA? No. See above for HIPPA info.

What about those who get tested as a precautionary measure?

If you are getting tested as a precaution but you have had no symptoms, you wouldn't have reported symptoms on the app. However, if your precautionary test comes back positive, you would report that to HR.

Cary Esser: even students who are sick, that do not live the BMRH, will be able to stay there if in isolation?

Students not living in the BMRH will isolate at their off-campus apartment or may return home to isolate, if they choose. Isolation space in the BMRH is only for residents.

Il Sung Na: 1. I would like to know how safe to drink water in the studio space or inside the building. We all know we have to wear a mask in the campus. But what do we do if we want to drink water. I guess we have to take a mask off, and then drink. Maybe 3-5 seconds is enough time to drink a water if we do it quickly. We may not be infected because it is a few seconds. But is it really safe?

Also, if we allow students to drink water while they take it off, then it becomes a habit and they do it too often?

Department chairs should set the protocols for eating and drinking in their spaces. It is recommended that employees and students eat and drink while alone in a room, office, studio space or outdoors. Faculty members may give students snack/water breaks and request that students go outside and eat and drink at a safe distance from one another. It is highly unlikely that one would become infected in 3-5 seconds.

Cary Esser: will campus students in isolation have access to any services from KCAI? Yes, we have a case management within student affairs designed to assist students with resources and needs (food, pharmacy, transportation, etc.).

Il Sung Na: 2. Do you think it is really ok to take off a mask when we are in our office space? Do you think there is no chance that the virus can travel through the air conditioning or ventilation system? The air is moving fast once we turn on air conditioning and if there are virus in the air, they will travel, too, here to there, maybe floor to floor. Also Is it really safe to eat and drink in Wylie dining or cafe nerman? they can stay 30 mins long without masks on but eat. I am not sure if this is ok.

Following federal, state, and local guidance, we are not requiring masks to be worn by an employee when alone in a private office. Seating in Wylie Dining and Cafe Nerman will be at 50% capacity and also spaced with a 6-foot distance. Students are instructed to eat with their suitemates. If not suitemates, students are encouraged to face the same direction. There are also grab and go options should they wish to eat in their rooms, outside, etc.

Elizabeth Davis: I know there are two sessions for flu shots on campus in September - can we schedule additional sessions to make sure all students, staff and faculty in October before we go remote after the Thanksgiving holiday and get as many folks as possible?

If appointments fill up, we can always add a third date.

Jahaira A: if our partner's do not have insurance, will KCAI cover flu shots for them too or is it just staff and students?

We will need to determine if there are enough spaces available.

Julia Cole: If we are protecting ourselves against COVID, shouldn't that work for flu too?

Good point. Flu shots, masks, distancing and hand washing will assist in prevention.

Evin Moore: What about students who have public intensive jobs like waitstaff?

Students must participate in the social covenant and be self-protective. Restaurants appear to be requiring their wait staff to wear masks. We cannot restrict students from their income sources.

Megan Channell: When will the hand sanitizer stations be set up? Before school starts?

This has been done. Feel free to be in touch with your area Vice President if you are concerned about the availability of sanitizer.

Diana Heise: Will classrooms be cleaned between classes?

Classrooms will be professionally cleaned each day. Students are being asked to wipe down their desks/work spaces before and after each use and abide by any seating chart created by faculty.

Megan Channell: When will each building be supplied with additional disinfectant supplies/cleaning stations?

This is already in place. Chairs and directors should work closely with facilities to add sanitizing stations to each building as well as disinfecting supplies for student/faculty/staff use. In most cases, this has been done. If not, chairs and directors should contact facilities.

tyler galloway: what do we use to wipe things down with? paper towels? something disposable?

Paper towels work great for wiping down workstations. Disposable products need to be used at this time. Academic affairs has ordered some wipe kits that departments are welcome to try.

Evin Moore: Cast iron table tops?

If you have questions about how to disinfect specific items, please reach out to Facilities and they will assist you.

Cary Esser: will we have a demo for how to disinfect items?

If you have questions about how to disinfect specific items, please reach out to facilities and they will assist you.

Marie McInerney: can you talking about spraying disinfectant? There was a discussion about not spraying - can you clarify? [Please review the following:](#)

<https://www.who.int/news-room/q-a-detail/q-a-considerations-for-the-cleaning-and-disinfection-of-environmental-surfaces-in-the-context-of-covid-19-in-non-health-care-settings#:~:text=Disinfectant%20solutions%20should%20always%20be,or%20as%20a%20by%20wipes.>

Samantha Krukowski: Foundation faculty asked if work tables can be covered with paper or plastic to protect tables from mess-intensive projects. It sounds like this is not a good idea?

Ideally, you want to make all work surfaces as “cleanable” as possible. If paper or plastic is properly/promptly disposed at the end of a class, it may serve as table protection.

Are "high touch" points (door knobs, etc) cleaned multiple times daily?

Yes, however please plan to wipe down door knobs in your classroom and office space as additional protection. This is part of the social covenant in which we must each participate to mitigate risk on campus. Use the touchless door openers provided in your welcome kit. Encourage your students to use their sleeves to open doors if they don't have their touchless opener with them.

russell ferguson: efficacy of rubbing alcohol?

Yes Isopropyl alcohol or rubbing alcohol with at least 70 percent alcohol – undiluted – will kill coronavirus on surfaces in about 30 seconds.

Michelle Shipp: @Overholt - looks like one person will clean high-touch places on the entire campus? Not sure if this will mean multiple times/day.

All spaces will be cleaned, every day. An additional staff member has been hired to wipe down high-touch places throughout campus multiple times per day.

Tom Lewis: How often is there a complete air change?

The answer is different in every building and would change under any number of circumstances. How often is a door opened, window open, exhaust fans or equipment exhaust used. There are so many variables that could change this response. No building is air tight so even without the opening of doors or exhaust fans, this answer would vary greatly. A Vanderslice type building has many areas of air leakage but even

our newest DeBruce Hall or BMRH has too many changing factors. This would even change with the difference in temperatures because of the way different building materials expand and contract. Fagan HVAC installers for GIA commented on this. John from Fagan explained that with a 10% 15% fresh air in the buildings that the air could exchange within the building 15 to 20 times a day.

Cary Esser: I second Marie's question which is why a demo would be very helpful
If you have questions about how to disinfect specific items, please reach out to facilities and they will assist you.

Natalie Spicker: Is janitorial staff being compensated for additional risk?
We are not allowed to share information on or discuss specific compensation-related issues with faculty/staff.

Marie McInerney: Can fans be placed next to windows to bring in fresh air or does this transmit more?
Fans to bring in fresh air are a good measure. Fans blowing around recycled air is not recommended.

Jean Schmitt: What about spaces that don't have access to outdoor air?
HVAC units have been adjusted to bring in additional outside air, effectively reducing the amount of "recycled" air in each space.

David Overholt: What if the studio/room has no windows?
HVAC units have been adjusted to bring in additional outside air, effectively reducing the amount of "recycled" air in each space.

Marie McInerney: interested in Il Sung's earlier question about the safety of drinking water in the studio. [See above.](#)

Jahaira A: Does anyone know if masks still work when they get wet? Like if kids are playing outside with friends in the water while wearing a mask?
They will be less effective.

Elaine Buss: For students, what will be done to mitigate gatherings over weekends?
This has been a really high place for transmission on college campuses, often causing high spread. What is KCAI doing to reduce this risk?
Students have been told that gatherings are prohibited and those who violate that expectation will be referred to Joe Timson for a conduct violation. They will receive a suspension of studio privileges for the first offense. It is critical that faculty members

remind students that gatherings/parties are prohibited and will contribute to the reduction of in-person education. In some cases, students may be asked to return home to quarantine.

Ari Bonner: Does the "Assumption of Risk" waiver equate to a "Liability Waiver"? i don't feel comfortable signing this document if accommodations for working from home are not available to staff who primarily work from their computers

KCAI has not asked its employees to sign an Assumption of Risk document or a Liability Waiver. KCAI employees were provided with an Acknowledgment of Risk, but KCAI is no longer asking employees to sign the Acknowledgment of Risk. Instead, the document was read to employees so that they are informed of the training, policies, and new expectations, along with being informed about the risks of COVID-19. No employees will be required to sign this document. KCAI will document that employees have been informed and instructed. KCAI believes it is important that employees and students are informed about the risks of COVID-19.

Diana Heise: Do you recommend wearing glasses/eye covering with a mask, if not a shield? Can the virus transmit via the eyes?

Faculty members may pick up a face shield at academic affairs. Eye wear can provide an additional layer of protection.

Santiago Cucullu: What about washing the surgeon style masks?

The paper surgical masks are disposable and are for single usage. N95 or KN95 masks can be put in the sun for cleaning.

Sharon Reeber: If we want students to change masks daily, shouldn't we issue a few of them?

KCAI will provide one face mask per student. Additional masks are the responsibility of the student. KCAI double-cloth masks will also be available in the art store. This has been communicated to students.

russell ferguson: alcohol. as a disinfectant?

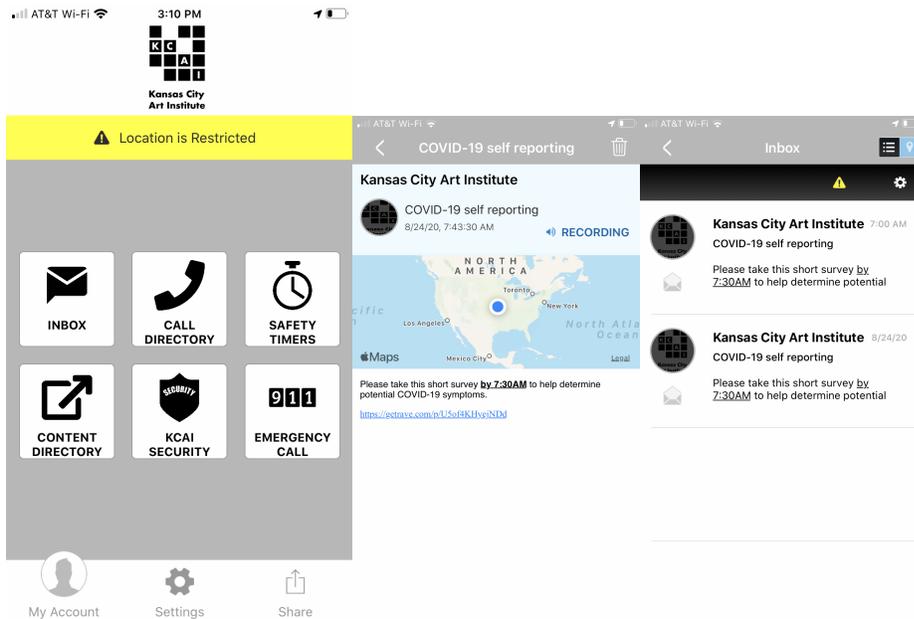
Yes Isopropyl alcohol or rubbing alcohol with at least 70 percent alcohol – undiluted – will kill coronavirus on surfaces in about 30 seconds.

Jahaira A: will staff/faculty/students be expected to "turn in" or "call out" other KCAI community if they aren't "obeying the rules of the waiver"?

Yes, there is an email address to report concerns about noncompliance: safetyreport@kcai.edu. Student issues will be referred to Student Affairs and employees issues will be referred to Human Resources.

Rebecca Blocksome: Does the app not record the daily confirmation itself? We have to save it separately?

Yes, if you review the inbox on the app, you will see a list of dates. Click on the specific date and then link, you will see either the stop sign or go sign that reflects your answers for that particular day. You may also take a screenshot of the stop or go sign after completing the daily check in.



Julia Cole: Still not clear how the Rave app applies to those who are teaching remotely. It is important to monitor symptoms daily for all KCAI community members. Even though you are teaching remotely, you may cross paths with other KCAI community members on or off campus. See the information above regarding M-F and weekend symptom reporting.

Jahaira A: like if we see students attending large gatherings, are we supposed to tell HR?

See the answer above related to compliance. Student issues would be referred to Student Affairs, not HR.

Cary Esser: the epa list of disinfectants is great but when i looked at it there were lots and lots of products. It would be helpful for us to have a list of disinfectants that are easily available to buy in KC stores or to order.

The facilities team is happy to provide you with approved disinfectant and supplies for your workspaces.

David Overholt: If we're following health dept guidelines, where do we stand on starting after Labor Day? <https://bit.ly/2EvjH0y>

That is for K-12 districts.

Jahaira A: what if travelers come to visit us?

Those who are not limiting their risk at home should report these concerns to HR.

Greg Mackender: What is the email contact if we have a specific question about a class activity?

For field trips and other class activity questions, please email the academic affairs administrative assistant, Nancy Noble, at NNoble@kcai.edu.

Casey Whittier: Yes, this travel restriction has a lot of holes as a safety measure and is not an equitable expectation for all. Some people have family outside of the metro that they have to support etc.

Those who need to travel should let their area Vice President our Department Chair and HR know so we can plan accordingly. Travel outside of KC is discouraged and may result in quarantine. We are trying to take a harder line with students, however. These travel guidelines are in place to help mitigate risk for the whole KCAI community. Please note quarantine requirements are now being reviewed and changed so check the CDC website.

<https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/travel-restrictions.html>

Russell Ferguson: 50% is different. from KC's 10 person requirement?

Based on our studio space square footage, it was determined that a 50 percent occupancy provided safe distancing. But all of the spaces are unique in size and shape and if a department chair finds that 50% occupancy does not allow for safe distancing, the 50% occupancy may be reduced.

Steve Snell: Has anyone from MRI Global visited any facilities in person to check things out and make sure our buildings are safe?

They have not visited in person. They are located in Boulder, Baltimore, and San Antonio. However, they have had discussions with each department chair. Roxie has

also spent time reviewing each space with the respective department chair. Some departments, such as foundation, had significant construction work done this summer to enhance safety and circulation.

Jahaira A: My parents are coming to visit me from Texas. Will I need to quarantine when they leave?

Please consult with Human Resources and review the CDC website section on quarantine and travel listed above.

Samantha Krukowski: As chair, I have not created plans for 10 studios that include distancing, only that specify 50% occupancy limits. We are just figuring out what furniture we have - individual faculty will be making seating charts once they set up their studios.

Assigned seating/assigned studio spaces are required. Students should work in their space at a six feet distance from the next student.

Miguel Angel Rivera: We have students living locally in close contact with their extended families. Can school know if they have been directly exposed to COVID?

Expectations are the same for students as they are for employees - if they have been exposed to a person with COVID-19, they must report that on the app.

Rebecca Blocksome: Is there a way that the contactless water bottle-filling function could still be available, even if the fountain itself is shut off?

We will restore the contactless water bottle-filling functions around campus.

Hugh Merrill: how do you clean studio spaces that are covered with paper forms, supplies, scraps of material and other materials. or do we work only on projects that are put out in the beginning of class and removed completely at the end of class, a foundation studio would look like an academic classroom prior to class and when it is closed down at night weird.

Students should wipe down their work surfaces before and after each class or work session. This does not mean they have to remove all materials, but they should take care to clean their work space.

David Overholt: @hugh agreed - are students made to completely clear spaces daily?

No. But they should clean and sanitize their own work spaces before and after a class or work session.

Julie Farstad: does spraying Lysol across a desk sanitize everything on that desk? Does it blow covid particles into the air?

It may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes, but this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads. Spraying Lysol alone across a desk does not sanitize everything on that desk. Work spaces should be wiped down with disinfecting wipes or with a paper towel that has had disinfectant applied to it. Spraying is not necessary, but mask compliance is critical to reduce risk from any droplets in the air.

Hugh Merrill: if one student gets a positive test is the roommate also to stay in the room for 14 days ? will two people in that small space for 14 days be safe ???
The positive student will move to an isolation room in the residence hall and the roommates quarantine in their current room. Should any of the roommates develop symptoms while in quarantine, they will also be moved to isolation. This plan was vetted through MRI Global and the KCMO Health Department.

Steve Snell: Are class field trips around KC still okay? Even if they are outside? Is that considered college-sponsored?

All field trip requests should be forwarded to Nancy Noble at NNoble@kcai.edu so that we can determine if they will be approved. For example, going to the Nelson lawn is acceptable if masks and distancing are utilized, but we need to know this is happening for contact tracing purposes.

Erin McIntosh: Is staff working remotely after Thanksgiving?

No. Staff will continue to follow their regular work schedule.

Hugh Merrill: do I need an off campus form filled out if I'm going to draw at the Nelson or Gilliam park

Yes.

Hugh Merrill: is the print center going to be open

Yes.

Michelle Shipp: As someone that will periodically need to work on multiple people's computers/keyboards and mice, how will that be addressed? I've not been able to find a clear CDC guideline on disinfecting electronics other than

"see manufacturer's instructions" but since these are part of ok'd "non-mask" spaces, how can I ensure the equipment is clean before I touch it? Is there a waiting time?

You should ask the user to clean and disinfect their machine prior to working on the machine. All should wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds before and after touching any object, including electronics. For electronics such as cell

phones, tablets, touch screens, remote controls, and keyboards, remove visible contamination if present. Consider the use of wipeable covers for electronics. The use of alcohol-based wipes or sprays containing at least 70% alcohol to disinfect are recommended. Dry surfaces thoroughly to avoid pooling of liquids.

Jahaira A: a lot of kcai students are from the area, that wouldn't necessarily stop them from gathering in large family groups and then returning to campus.

Students and employees should report this on the daily questionnaire on the app. It asks, "have you been in contact with someone who has tested positive or is having symptoms of Covid." They would indicate yes and email covid@kcai.edu for instructions/help. This would cover your question about off campus students or on campus. Students who attend large gatherings (10 or more) will be subject to a code of conduct violation process and will be at risk for losing studio privileges.

See information on compliance in answers above.

Doug Hudson: I'm assuming all Chair meetings/Fac Assembly 100% virtual?

Yes

Maura Cluthe: if all classes are remote after Thanksgiving, however, most faculty will not be on campus. would we still expect studio monitors to be there?

This will be evaluated closer to that point in time, but it is likely that we will continue to employ some studio monitors.

Cambria Potter: How will we know if a percent of an area is positive if we are not testing?

This will be determined based on suspected positives as a result of the app in addition to confirmed cases as a result of testing. All suspected cases will be connected with the nurse practitioner (students) or HR (employees) to access testing resources.

David Overholt: Will off-campus students continue on-campus classes if the residence hall quarantines?

Yes, if other areas of the campus are below the threshold of the gating criteria.

Lisa Maione: Is that 10% based on the Guardian app results? or covid test results reported?

It requires a review of a combination of variables, including the app results and testing results. The 10 percent is based on suspected and confirmed cases so it is the result of closely monitoring daily app reports and testing results. The data will be reviewed with the Kansas City, Missouri Health Department.

Cary Esser: how can we be sure students will get tests, if they are recommended to do so?

Students will be required to provide documentation of testing and first date of symptoms prior to determining their return date to in-person activity.

Diana Heise: How does the gating process consider students in studio electives in other areas?

The gating monitoring will include students in elective courses in that department.

Sharon Reeber: Is KCAI hiring contact tracers?

The Director of Security is managing the contact tracing process. Assigned seats and studio spaces are critical to contact tracing.

Bona Bones: These percentages seem really high given how rapidly and easily this spreads?

The gating criteria have been vetted through the local health department.

Jahaira A: So if an outbreak occurs, we'll just go remote for 10 days and come back? And just do that over and over if we keep having clusters?

Possibly. We will consult with the health department, but these decisions will be made for a specific department or area, based on their gating variables.

Christopher Spaw: 10% is a larger number for departments with larger populations than for smaller departments, does that seem safe?

In the case of foundation, it may be that if 10% of a studio is positive, that studio will go remote for 10-14 days.

Rachel Ferber: If the school is not testing then these percentages are contingent on the students getting and reporting testing themselves, is the school providing the students at least a list of resources/spaces to get tested?

Yes and access to a nurse practitioner for case management and individualized referrals.

Samantha Krukowski: Has MRI Global specifically approved our spaces, from an on-the-ground and physical point of view?

No.

Ari Bonner: Does the "Assumption of Risk" waiver equate to a "Liability Waiver"? i don't feel comfortable signing this document if accommodations for working from home are not available to staff who primarily work from their computers

See earlier response to same question. KCAI has instructed employees to follow the new policies and expectations in regards to COVID-19 and informed employees of the risk of COVID-19. Employees are not required to sign a document.

Bo Hubbard: 10% of the population has to 'test' positive in a single day? What about people that test positive the day before or people that are actively quarantining? Does this mean that a new 9% can test positive each day and remain open?

No, we will be reviewing suspected cases and confirmed cases based on the results of the app and testing. The daily percentage means that over the past few days, the percentage of those suspected or confirmed to have the virus in a campus area has been approaching 10% and then on the day a 10% threshold is reached, normal operations for all community members in that area will be altered.

Santiago Cucullu: Question: is there a way to reduce the 14 day quarantine with testing? I'm concerned about professional obligations with regard to travel.

Updated guidelines have just been released. We will review these new guidelines.

russell ferguson: Safety of objects left on a workspace overnight. or. into the next day when the second moiety comes to work. adjacent to that work space

Students must work in their own assigned space.

russell ferguson: Disposal of. paper towels. from. hands washings?

Put them into a trash can or use to open a door and then dispose of them.

Jean Schmitt: There is a large range between # of students/faculty in a space across campus, the % testing positive to trigger action will also vary. In a densely populated program the number will be much higher to trigger action. Can the representatives talk more about what that # range means?

See above for more information about gating criteria applied to campus areas. In the case of Foundation, it could be that one studio has altered operations versus an entire program.

Marie McInerney: can items be put outside and left in the sun to disinfect? A surface that does not do well with disinfectant...

Yes. For example, it is recommended that KN95 masks be cleaned this way.

Johanna Winters: I second Rachel's question: will the school provide a list of testing resources to students (and faculty/staff)?

Yes.

Christopher Spaw: When possible is it a better option to teach outside rather than in a studio environment?

Yes, with safe distancing and mask compliance still in place.

Miguel Angel Rivera: Has MRI tested air quality in buildings as well as negative air flow?
MRI did not test the air quality, but they did verify that our air filters are acceptable. See additional information from Roxie at the end of this document.

Jan Kennedy: Very concerning is if one or two people become sick in a building area and bathrooms are shared, the 6 ft/15 min. trigger for quarantine seems weak.
The restrooms will be cleaned and disinfected regularly. The distancing and time of exposure information comes from the CDC.

Rebecca Blocksome: Do we have access to the new, cheap, saliva-based tests?
No.

Evin Moore: What about pool testing?
Following CDC guidance, we are not pool testing.

Diana Heise: Has MRI assessed the efficacy of our contact tracing protocol?
Those who are responsible for contact tracing have completed the Johns Hopkins contact tracing course, which was recommended by MRI Global.

Elizabeth Davis: It's difficult to hear we are not encouraging testing or setting up avenues for all campus community members because it seems like a lot of research shows that there are a really significant number of asymptomatic cases. Last time I checked, the highest number of confirmed cases in KCMO was in the age range of 30 - 39.

Please see the information regarding testing above.

Il Sung Na: If getting a test is difficult and cost, how do we keep track the numbers of confirmed cases in the campus effectively??
We will provide faculty/staff and students information about testing sites that include low cost or no cost options.

Bona Bones: How would we know who's positive if we were not testing?????
We are referring faculty/staff and students for symptom-based testing. This is the recommendation of the CDC related to higher education institutions.

David Overholt: Are there class-specific gating percentages?

The gating criteria are by area, and the area could be a class-specific area.

Cambria Potter: This was asked earlier: 10% of the population has to 'test' positive in a single day? What about people that test positive the day before or people that are actively quarantining? Does this mean that a new 9% can test positive each day and remain open?

No, please see the same information about gating criteria above. We will consult with the local health department and make decisions based on our gating criteria and their recommendation.

Julie Farstad: will the school provide transportation to test site for students without cars?
We are currently researching options for transportation.

Diana Heise: Again, are we considering the interaction between buildings because of studio electives? Is gating actually going to work?

Yes, we have reduced the amount of contact greatly by only having in-person studio and studio electives. Gating is a standard used by all industries at this time in response to COVID-19.

How are they supposed to get tested?

Should the need for testing arise, testing sites and options will be provided to faculty/staff and students.

Il Sung Na: How do we know students will participate if it costs them a lot? Then how do we know the percentage in the campus?

See answers above regarding testing sites and compliance.

Marie McInerney: If a student cannot afford a test do they automatically quarantine if there are symptoms? Do their peers then quarantine as well?

Yes, symptoms require quarantine, but they are also referred for testing. They will be provided with options for testing that include low and no cost options. Depending on exposure, their peers may be required to quarantine.

Miles Young: What about those who don't have access to testing? Because of money, healthcare, etc!

See the testing information above.

Luke McKinney: If it is currently taking 10 days to get results from testing how is the 'current day testing' then wouldn't it be a week and a half late to shut down?

Although we cannot guarantee that all testing sites are the same, we have been in contact with testing sites that provide results within a 24-48 hour time frame.

Bona Bones: This is super classist/ableist to assume students can afford or get to testing in order to report

This comment includes an assumption being made without any information related to what we have and have not done to research the availability of testing for students, faculty and staff. Students will be referred for accessible testing, including low cost or no cost options. What would be classist/ableist is not to help others access testing.

Elaine Buss: So what will we do to mitigate parties and gatherings and what will be done if we find out they have had large gatherings? Will there be repercussions or reporting?

Yes. As stated in the KCAI Student Code of Conduct, students are accountable for conduct on and off campus as well as all college policies. As stated in the COVID policy and expectations, we expect students not to attend large social gatherings and parties. We can and will hold students accountable for not meeting the expectations of the Student Code of Conduct. Our neighboring colleges and universities are doing the same. KCAI students will lose studio privileges if they are in violation of this expectation.

Ari Bonner: how is it even legal to control what students do off campus?

As stated in the KCAI Student Code of Conduct, students are accountable for conduct on and off campus as well as all college policies. As stated in the COVID policy and expectations, we expect students not to attend large social gatherings and parties. We can and will hold students accountable for meeting the expectations of the Student Code of Conduct. Our neighboring colleges and universities are doing the same.

Jan Kennedy: What constitutes a "large" gathering? The prohibition on attending "large" gatherings is too vague to have any meaning.

We are defining a large gathering as including 10 or more people. But we will also hold students accountable who are in group sizes smaller than 10 without masks and distancing.

Cary Esser: Do faculty have obligation for enforcement should students fail or refuse to follow policies?

Yes.

Maura Cluthe: when is the student training happening?

Students and their parents/guardians have received the Return to Campus and Studio Guidelines. Students have provided their acknowledgment of the information.

Additionally, every studio department will be required to go over the training with their students the first week of class. New students will be instructed about the app during orientation activities too.

Testing sites?

There are free resources for testing in KC. We will be able to provide this information to those who need testing. We are also working on finding solutions for transportation. KCAI student Affairs will be working individually with each student who will need testing, etc. They will also have access to resources and a nurse practitioner. HR will work directly with employees.

Elaine Buss: Will the school pay for our testing if we have to get tested due to exposure from a covid-positive student?

No but HR will help refer you to testing resources. See previous response.

Adam Lucas: Gina, will faculty/staff also have access to these resources and our nurse practitioner?

They will have referrals to the same testing resources.

Cary Esser: are faculty responsible for checking, archiving, or reporting any of the info from students on the Guardian app?

No.

Hannah Lodwick: I'm unclear who we send the screenshot of our Rave app to. Our supervisors?

There is no need to send the screenshot to anyone; however, we are asking faculty/staff and students to have the information available in the event your supervisor or college official asks for proof that you have completed the daily symptom check.

Elizabeth Derstine: Will we be paid for days that we can't go to work?

This is a very specific question and the answer is based on the situation and other factors such as available sick time. For specific questions, please consult with your supervisor and HR.

Marie McInerney: Do we need to use the app on days we are not on campus? Same question for students

See above.

Evin Moore: Can a link be sent out for a recording of this meeting for staff that missed it?

Yes, those who did not attend on Monday will receive the recording on the meeting.

Jahaira A: on days that we have to quarantine will we have to use our Sick paid leave?
Or are those bonus days?

We do not have bonus days for quarantine time. Sick days would be appropriate but discuss with your supervisor and/or Human Resources.

Ari Bonner: If we wake up with symptoms or need to stay home, will that be considered a remote-working day or will that take from sick days?

It would depend on how you feel and if you are able to complete work activities that day.

<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/pandemic/ffcra-employee-paid-leave>

If you become sick with COVID you would have some sick time.

Evonne Briones: There is a crew of 8+ movers out of my window on Rowland Commons. NO MASKS. Is it my responsibility to ask them to put on masks?

We have created an email to report violations. Safetyreport@kcai.edu. You may call security if that is more comfortable.

Emailed Question from Jan Kennedy:

It would be very helpful to have a walk-through of studios prior to the semester starting with someone knowledgeable about specific risks, remedies, and warnings. There are concerns with not knowing if certain materials or processes are risky and those are studio-specific. These things could then be communicated to students.

We are currently requesting that a new safety expert respond to this request, but here is a response from Roxie:

I believe MRI met with a number of the Department Chairs to walk the studios and discuss specific concerns. I was involved in several of these meetings and would be happy to help clarify any specific questions. I can also make arrangements to walk through a studio area as needed. Due to my broken hip, I cannot cover each studio area but will be happy to meet to look at a specific area if needed.

I have also met with several of the Chairs early in the month to walk through their Covid pandemic plans, discussed air flow, traffic patterns and use of shared equipment. In general, we have removed extra furniture (or have plans to get this removed prior to 8/31) so that proper social distancing can be obtained. We have verified the operation of all exhaust systems in the building to pull the air out of the building and increase fresh air intake. These are the major concerns. We want to encourage hand washing as

often as possible, reduce dust particles as much as possible and try to wipe down equipment after individual use.

Please let me know how I can help. Thank you.

Air Flow questions and response from Roxie

The answer is different in every building and would change under any number of circumstances. How often is a door opened, window open, exhaust fans or equipment exhaust used. There are so many variables that could change this response. No building is air tight so even without the opening of doors or exhaust fans, this answer would vary greatly. A Vanderslice type building has many areas of air leakage but even our newest DeBruce Hall or BMRH has too many changing factors. This would even change with the difference in temperatures because of the way different building materials expand and contract.

Fagan HVAC installers for GIA commented. John from Fagan explained that with a 10% 15% fresh air in the buildings that the air could exchange within the building 15 to 20 times a day. This will vary greatly depending on building and circumstances.

Specific questions being referred to a new safety expert

The following questions are being shared with a new safety expert. We will report answers as soon as possible.

Samantha Krukowski: Question: the NYT reported yesterday that recent studies have been confirmed indicating 1) low humidity environments increase spread, 2) public bathrooms - flushing urinals and toilets - are particularly concerning and dangerous, 3) fibers and dust transmit the virus. Can you speak to these studies and how they affect us at KCAI?

Chris Chapin: Would you please elaborate on the risks of dust generated in studio; from shop equipment, textiles, etc.?

Marie McInerney: Can you clarify the risks of Fiber dust (yarn, fabrics) to ceramic dust, to sanding wood dust.

Laura Berman: How safe are the public/shared restrooms at KCAI that are not ventilated and do not have toilet seat covers?

Adam Lucas: What are MRI Global's recommendations for spaces that have no windows?

Russell ferguson: Charcoal dust, clay dust, sawdust, , sand. Foam dust,