

Request for in-person exception (academics)

SPRING-SUMMER 2021

Ohio State continues to operate under the guidelines posted on the Safe and Healthy Buckeyes website for in-person activities.

To request approval for an exception to reactivate in-person academic courses, programs or activities, please submit a document that adheres to the following template. A small, already established review team comprised of Academic Affairs, Safe Campus and other leaders as needed will consider each application.

Template for requests

- Identify the academic/academic-related initiative. If a course, then include course number, name, credit hours, instructor(s).
- Provide a brief description of how it operated under normal circumstances.
- For academic courses and programs, explain why continuation of the course/program in Spring Semester/Summer Term is critical for student/participant success. Include what, if any, portions can continue to be delivered via distance methods even if partial in-person delivery is approved.
- Provide a description of the following:
 - How will no more than 5 people per 100 square feet of occupiable space in addition to 6-feet minimum social distancing be maintained?
 - Justify any occasions in which social distancing cannot be maintained.
 - What disinfection/sanitation procedures will be used? How often?
 - What PPE will be used? Who is responsible for providing it? How will participants be instructed in proper use?
 - Does the course/offering have the necessary resources in place to maintain disinfection? Are resources available to provide PPE for the duration of the course?
 - What process will you use to check temperature and symptoms of COVID-19 as recommended by the CDC? What process will you use to refer students with an elevated temperature and/or symptoms of COVID-19 to health care?
 - Does the program/offering include pre-collegiate youth (minors)?
 - Does the program/offering include food? If yes, please describe how food will be provided, following all health and safety guidelines.
- What communications about risk will be provided to students/participants?
- What process will be used to accommodate students/participants whose physical or mental health renders them unable to complete in-person instruction, and to direct them to established resources?