

MIT COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocol

Keeping our Campus Safe:

- The City of Cambridge issued an emergency order for everyone to mask up. Starting on October 2, 2020, you must wear a face covering at all times when on or in public places, including sidewalks, streets, parks, plazas, bus stops, non-residential parking lots and garages, and any other outdoor area or non-residential parking facility that is open and accessible to the general public. When you are indoors, wear your face covering in all public places, such as lobbies, hallways, elevators, stairwells, and restrooms.
- All high-touch surfaces (handrails, elevator buttons, door handles, etc.) in all common areas on campus (main corridors, main lobbies, elevators, restrooms) are now cleaned and disinfected twice daily, Monday through Friday, and once on Saturday
- MIT provides hand sanitizer and/or cleaning wipes at key locations across campus, including at the building entrances, near elevators, and in restroom
- COVID Access & COVID Pass: MIT is using two systems to grant and manage access to campus buildings: COVID Access and its companion application, COVID Pass. These applications work together to manage physical building access, as well as the requirements and compliance measures expected of anyone who enters an MIT building. Some buildings, or clusters of buildings, will be accessible only through specific access points that have card readers tied to the COVID Access/Pass system. All normal building exits will remain functional and usable.

COVID-19 Testing & Quarantining

- All students, faculty, and staff living and/or working on campus receive routine testing for COVID -19. If an individual tests positive for COVID -19, MIT Medical conducts contact tracing and will notify both EHS and the Custodial Services team of any spaces on campus that might require additional cleaning.
- Requirements when arriving or returning to campus: Students are required to complete a SARS-CoV-2 test to be administered by MIT Medical when coming to campus or moving into a residence hall or one of the FSILG pilot houses. Students will need to quarantine until their second negative test, taken seven days later, comes back negative. The first two weeks of class will be conducted remotely to accommodate the self-quarantine period.
- Requirements to maintain access to campus: Students will also be required to comply with MIT's COVID-19 testing expectations while living in Institute-approved housing or accessing campus facilities as well as undergo additional viral testing as directed by MIT. All residents of Institute-approved housing (students/spouses/partners) are required to test twice-per-week on either a consistent Monday/Thursday or Tuesday/Friday schedule

Testing Requirements for Time Spent on Campus	
Time Spent on Campus	Testing Frequency
Live in a MIT residence hall	Twice weekly
Are enrolled in classes with in-person instruction	Twice weekly
Are on campus 4 days a week or more	Twice weekly

Are on campus 1–3 days a week	Once weekly
Are on campus only once in a while	Tested within 7 days before visiting campus or if you have not had a test in 14, you will need to provide a negative test result

For more information see: <http://covidapps.mit.edu/medical-testing-information>

- **Symptoms of COVID-19:** Students who exhibit symptoms of COVID-19, or who come into close contact with someone they know has tested positive for COVID-19, must stay in their room, suite, or apartment and immediately notify MIT Medical (covid19reports@mit.edu), and await further instructions.
- **Testing Positive:** Students who test positive for COVID-19 need to isolate in their room, suite, apartment or an identified space that they will be moved to until they are cleared by MIT Medical and cannot leave the room, suite, apartment, or other isolation space unless they are advised to by MIT Medical. MIT ID card access will be turned off for at least 10 days for positive individuals, or until MIT Medical provides clearance. Students must cooperate with MIT Medical for all activities necessary to rapidly identify those with whom they may have had close contact, and follow any directions by MIT Medical, the Division of Student Life, or public health authorities to quarantine or isolate in their suite or apartment or a temporary alternative on-campus living space arranged by the Institute.
- **“Close Contact” with COVID-19:** Students who are determined to be a “close contact” of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 need to quarantine in their room, suite, or apartment until they are cleared by MIT Medical. Their MIT ID card access will be turned off for at least 14 days or until MIT Medical provides clearance.

The ChemE Approach to COVID-19

- **ChemE Research Procedure:** Under MIT’s current policies for research, all researchers who require access to campus as part of their research are allowed access; however, any activities that can be performed from home should be conducted as remote work. When on campus, all researchers must wear masks and follow social distancing work plans established for each work and office space. While all rooms have reduced capacity limits, there is no limit to the number of hours a researcher may spend on campus. However, some labs may use work shifts to meet social distancing and capacity requirements
- **Tackling COVID-19:** To read more about how our labs are challenging the pandemic visit <https://cheme.mit.edu/covid-19-department-response/>

Resources:

ChemE Department
<https://cheme.mit.edu>

MIT Now
<https://now.mit.edu>

MIT Medical
<https://medical.mit.edu>