COVID-19 Field Protocol
Worksite Planning Checklist

For additional information, visit ehs.berkeley.edu/covid-19 or coronavirus.berkeley.edu

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Institutional Review & Approvals:

- PI/Departmental Approval
- Register travel > 100 miles with UC Travel Insurance Program via UC Away: [https://ehs.ucop.edu/away/#/](https://ehs.ucop.edu/away/#/)
- For international travel, follow [CDC guidance](https://www.cdc.gov/travel/) and the two-step approval process at [https://globalengagement.berkeley.edu/faculty-staff/international-travel-resources](https://globalengagement.berkeley.edu/faculty-staff/international-travel-resources)
- Project-specific approvals (reserve manager, partner agency, dive control board, site access, etc.)

Required Training/Safety Brief:

Along with discussing work goals and plans, review safe work practices identified in this checklist with all participants.

- **EHS 207: UC Berkeley Guidelines on Protecting Workers from COVID-19** is accessible via the [UC Learning Center](https://learningcenter.berkeley.edu) (calnet-login required, takes ~15 minutes to complete)
- Surveillance COVID testing is available on campus; vaccination is recommended. Learn more via [UHS](https://www.uhs.berkeley.edu).  
- Review physical distancing, equipment handling, disinfection procedures, signs/symptoms of COVID-19, communication options in the field, check in procedures, and emergency procedures.
- Individuals should have dedicated PPE, provisions, and supplies, if feasible, to minimize sharing.
- Individuals have the right to refuse participation without fear of penalty if they feel conditions are unsafe.
- Each person should be asymptomatic for at least two weeks prior to fieldwork and will not participate should they feel ill or have reasonable cause to believe they have been exposed to COVID-19.
- Maintain reliable communication to receive updates or get assistance; maintain a frequent check-in schedule.
- Remain aware of local public health requirements and campus policies regarding COVID-19.
- Review responsible conduct in the field, community; minimize contact with the public during the pandemic.
- Maintain flexibility to alter plans at any time, self-isolate, or return home.
- Follow campus reporting protocol, if you, a colleague, or an immediate family member tests positive.

Continuity Planning:

- Utilize video meetings for training, planning, and discussion, when possible, to minimize in-person interactions.
- Cross-train multiple people on critical tasks; document protocols in detail.
- Discuss how to prioritize the most time-critical tasks, if team members are unable to work.
- Consider dividing into smaller field teams that will work separately from other teams for the season.
Transportation to Worksite:
- Avoid public transportation, whenever feasible.
- Individuals should meet at the worksite in their own field vehicle. If not feasible, shared vehicles are allowed with supervisor approval given 3 feet distancing (required by Cal/OSHA Emergency Standard §3205.4), face covers are worn, windows are kept open as feasible, and groups are consistent for the trip.
- All common areas should be wiped with a disinfectant prior to and after use of the vehicle.
- Other precautions:

Provisions & Housing:
- Water, food, snacks, etc., should not be shared; and prepared and brought from home, if possible.
- Each person should have at least two gallons of drinking water available per workday.
- Stops to make purchases in the field should be kept to a minimum in order to lessen contact with the public.
- For overnight trips, ensure extra lodging is available to maintain physical distancing, i.e. single rooms, single tents; no shared bunk beds.
- Shared facilities such as bathrooms or kitchens should be cleaned and disinfected daily.
- Other precautions:

Fueling Vehicles/Service Stops:
- Maintain physical distancing from anybody at the fueling location, store, etc.
- Use disinfecting wipes on high-touch handles or buttons; or single-use towels as a barrier.
- Use hand sanitizer prior to re-entering your vehicle.
- Other precautions:

General Safe Practices:
- Maintain physical distancing of at least 6 feet, whenever feasible.
- Keep from touching face (specifically eyes, mouth and nose); follow CDC guidance to Prevent Getting Sick.
- Wear a face cover in common areas, including outdoors; follow local public health requirements.
- Wash hands with soap and water frequently for at least 20 seconds.
- Use hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, or use the inside of your elbow. Throw used tissues in the trash and immediately wash your hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- If cough or other symptoms develop, wear a face cover to prevent spread via saliva droplets; return home.

Supplies, Cleaning, & Disinfection:
Shared surfaces, equipment and gear should be cleaned, disinfected and dried before use. Any disinfecting product used should be on the EPA List-N, e.g. Clorox disinfecting wipes, Lysol multi-surface cleaner, Envirocleanse-A, Peroxide Multi Surface Cleaner & Disinfectant.
- Hand soap
- Hand sanitizer (> 60% alcohol)
- Single-use paper towels
- Disposable nitrile gloves
- Disinfectant:
  - Tissues
  - Extra face covers
  - Carry a thermometer in your first aid kit
  - Personal water bottles
  - Other:
Emergency Procedures:
List participants or attach roster; all individuals must be able to provide clear and precise directions to the worksite.
- **Cell phone service available**
- **If no cell service**, describe communication plan and check-in procedures; or attach project [field safety plan](#) and map to nearest hospital.

Notes:

Wrap Up:
- Clean & disinfect all shared equipment, touched surfaces.
- Bag up used supplies; return to field office or campus for disposal, if possible.
- Debrief with all participants.

Reference: Signs and Symptoms of COVID-19 ([per CDC Feb 22, 2021](#))
Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms or combinations of symptoms may have COVID-19 and should stay home, monitor symptoms, and call their medical provider:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficult breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Seek emergency medical care immediately:
- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- Confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Bluish lips or face

Campus Resources

**Emergency Medical Response:** 911

**Campus Police Emergency Number:** 1-510-642-3333

**UC Berkeley COVID-19 Updates:** [coronavirus.berkeley.edu](http://coronavirus.berkeley.edu)

**University Health Services Occupational Health Clinic:** [uhs.berkeley.edu](http://uhs.berkeley.edu) or 1-510-642-6891

**Office of Environment, Health & Safety (EH&S):** [ehs.berkeley.edu](http://ehs.berkeley.edu) or 1-510-642-3073

**UC Berkeley EH&S Field Safety Resources:** [ehs.berkeley.edu/field-safety](http://ehs.berkeley.edu/field-safety)

**UC Travel Insurance 24/7 Assistance:** 1-800-527-0218 or assistance@uhcglobal.com