UCI Environmental Health & Safety

Physical Assessment Self-Evaluation Checklist

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This checklist will help you conduct a physical space assessment before resuming on-site operations. Before using this checklist, you should complete the "Returning to Campus" online training in UC Learning Center and carefully read the <u>Physical Assessment Self-Evaluation</u> <u>Reference Guide</u>.

This guidance document provides recommendations for staff to utilize when conducting a physical space assessment before employees return to the workspace. These recommendations will be updated as additional information becomes available. When conducting a physical space assessment, consider the following items:

Building Entryways/ Elevators/ Lobbies/ Restrooms

Verify required signs are installed on restrooms mirrors, building entryways, stairwells and elevators. Please refer to the <u>EH&S Return to Campus Approved Signage</u> page for additional instructions. Contact <u>Facilities Management</u> if appropriate signage has not been installed.

If permanent signs are not available, please print and post temporary signs available on the <u>EH&S Return to Campus Approved Signage</u> page.

Determine if there are customer-facing workstations at the workplace (e.g. cash handling, reception desk, etc.) that need to be evaluated for installation of plexi-glass or other physical barriers, because approved physical distancing practices are not possible. To request plexi- glass or other physical barriers or request an evaluation of your workspace, please complete the <u>plexi-glass/barrier form</u> and submit it to EH&S.

If you have questions about protective measures for restroom or elevator, please contact <u>EH&S</u> or the <u>Facilities Management</u> for additional clarification.

Accessibility for People with Disabilities

If you have questions about how any of these changes listed in this checklist will affect accessibility for people with disabilities, please contact the <u>UCI ADA Coordinator Andrew</u> <u>Berk</u>. Please consider the following recommendations when reviewing your workspace:

- Determine if selected entrance and exit points are accessible for people with disabilities (at least 32 inches wide, requiring no more than 5 lbs. of force to open, thresholds no higher than ½ inch high, when possible).
- If decreasing the number of reception desks, verify that the ones designed for people with disabilities (less than 34 inches high and 36 inches long) are available, when possible.
- Ensure designated building ingress and egress pathways are big enough for a wheelchair that is 30 inches wide and 48 inches long, when possible.

- Provide that available seats are accessible for people with physical disabilities
- Consider communicating the text of posted signs with a description of the area affected so that they are more accessible to people with visual disabilities.

Add additional comments in the box regarding the Physical Space Assessment (if needed):

Please provide the following information:

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If you determine that your area needs plexi-glass or other barriers installed and you would like to determine if the barriers are appropriate, or request an evaluation of your workspace, please complete the <u>plexi-glass/barrier form</u> and submit to EH&S. If you have any additional questions, please contact EH&S at <u>safety@uci.edu</u>.

UCI's response to COVID-19 depends on many factors. Guidance documents are subject to change. Please review the <u>EH&S Website</u> and <u>FM Website</u> for current information.