

# 10 THINGS

## WPI Is Doing Right Now to Carefully Reopen Campus

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### 1. CONTINUING TO MAKE HEALTH AND SAFETY OUR PRIORITY

Our community's health, safety, and well-being remain our North Star. Every decision looks at potential impacts—holistically and individually. Our goal is to mitigate virus transmission while supporting the important work being done by our students and employees. All students and employees will complete COVID-19 training before returning to campus.

### 2. ENHANCING CLEANING

The Facilities Department has increased cleaning schedules around high-touch points like door handles and stairwells, among other places across campus. Classrooms will be disinfected with a fogging machine each night. Everyone on campus will be expected to do their part by cleaning the areas they occupy—such as a desk, podium, dining table—before and after use. Disinfecting supplies will be provided in classrooms and in common areas. See [Campus Operations and Facilities](#) for more details.

### 3. RECONFIGURING CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT

Seats will be marked to help everyone follow social distancing protocols. Cleaning supplies will be in each classroom so everyone takes responsibility for cleaning their own spaces—for faculty—lectern and keyboard/mouse; for students—their desks. With de-densified classrooms, many students choosing remote options, and few courses being taught in person, hallway congestion should be reduced.

### 4. IMPLEMENTING TESTING

One of the most important ways we can help slow the spread in our community is to conduct frequent, reliable testing. Those returning to live or work on campus will need to be tested before their arrival to ensure that they receive a negative result. Upon return to campus, everyone will be tested frequently to help manage any potential cases at the earliest possible time.

### 5. REQUIRING FACE COVERINGS

Everyone will wear face coverings at all times and in all indoor and outdoor areas on campus except when students are in their residence hall rooms, when employees are alone in private offices, or when people are eating and drinking. For those unable to wear face coverings for medical reasons, social distancing will be practiced with extra care.

### 6. PRACTICING SOCIAL DISTANCING

Keeping at least six feet of space between people reduces the chances of virus spread. Wherever you are—in dining areas, offices, residence halls, classrooms, and outside—social distancing requires little effort for big impact.

### 7. HONORING A COMMITMENT TO EACH OTHER WITH SAFE PRACTICES

Our Community Pledge isn't just empty words. We all play a part in supporting and protecting each other as much as possible. Everyone takes responsibility for doing their part to minimize transmission for themselves and the people around them.

### 8. CHANGING BUILDING FLOWS

You'll need your ID to access buildings, and some stairways will be up or down only. Most elevators and restrooms will have reduced capacity in line with social distancing guidelines. Confused? Signs around campus will clarify any new process.

### 9. MAKING SPACES LESS DENSE

We'll have classes with fewer people, residence halls with fewer residents, eating areas where tables are at least six feet apart, and even extra seating outside. Offices will likely stagger which staff members come in on what days and times. Zoom meetings will continue to happen even when more of us are back on campus.

### 10. ENSURING FLEXIBILITY

We know some people will be unable to come back to campus because of health, family care, or other issues. We have shared our approach and are committed to offering as much flexibility as is feasible for employees, students, and departments and divisions.

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