

INFORMATION INFORMING DECISIONS ABOUT RESUMING IN-PERSON ACTIVITIES

The risk of COVID-19 spread while at the 384 Harvard Street Campus cannot be entirely avoided. The campus will follow all Massachusetts State laws relevant to COVID-19 and is taking additional measures to minimize the risk of spread but cannot guarantee that spread will not occur. Awareness of the following concepts will help us minimize the risk of spread and informs the actions and processes we are considering.

- Most spread of virus in groups is believed to occur from someone who has no signs or symptoms of illness, no fever, and believes themselves to be well.
- Risk of spread increases with increasing numbers of people at an event. This is true even if the social distancing is maintained and the time together is minimized.
- Risk of spread increases with increasing time at an event. This is true even if social distancing is maintained and the number of people is minimized.
- Risk of spread increases the closer you are to someone else. No amount of distancing totally eliminates risk. However, risk markedly increased at distances shorter than 6 feet.
- Risk is believed to increase with singing or shouting. This increased risk is believed to be significantly lessened if outdoors AND distance greater than 8 feet for low level singing (10 feet for full volume singing) AND the singer is wearing a mask.
- Risk is believed to increase if hands or gloves are brought to the face if they have not been properly cleaned or sanitized after having touched other people or surfaces with high risk of virus transmission.
- Masks are required by ALL participants including presenters. Masks are more effective at preventing someone from spreading virus than they are at preventing someone from receiving virus. However, they are effective for both.
- Risk of virus causing severe disease markedly increases for those with immune compromise, heart or lung conditions, and a variety of other medical circumstances.
- Risk of virus causing severe disease increases with age and significantly increases for those above age 65 years.
- Risk of virus causing severe disease increases with the amount of virus to which one is exposed.
- If someone develops COVID-19 symptoms and tests positive and was on site at the 384 Harvard Street Campus within 48 hours prior to their first symptoms, anyone who was present in a room with such a person for less than 10 minutes has a significant risk of being asked by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to quarantine for 14 days.