IDEAS 2022 COVID-19 Prevention Plan & Policies

Policies are current as of August 1st, 2022, and are subject to change.

IDEAS 2022 is held at the University of Washington Husky Union Building (HUB), and therefore will follow University and HUB policies, at minimum, to minimize the spread of COVID-19 in the interest of protecting the health and safety of all IDEAS attendees, event staff, and University faculty, staff and students who share the HUB spaces.

COVID test before attending

We request all in-person attendees take a COVID test 1-2 days before attending IDEAS. In the event of a positive COVID test, or instruction to isolate or quarantine by a public health official, please plan to attend virtually instead of in-person. You can easily change your registration to a virtual registration via your confirmation email at no cost. Contact Kassandra Thomson at kst3@uw.edu if you have any trouble editing your registration.

Feeling sick? Stay home.

All event attendees, staff, vendors and contractors are required to self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms regardless of vaccination status. Any individual showing symptoms of illness will not be admitted into the HUB or IDEAS, and must stay home if symptomatic or if instructed to isolate or quarantine by a public health professional. When you first arrive to check in at IDEAS, you will be asked to confirm you have no symptoms of COVID-19 before receiving your name badge and registration packet. COVID-19 symptoms can include:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Sore throat
- Runny nose
- Headache
- Muscle aches
- Chills
- Loss of taste or smell
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
Masks

We strongly recommend wearing a well-fitted, high-quality mask that covers your mouth and nose (e.g., KN95, N95, KF94, and surgical masks) during all indoor programming for IDEAS, regardless of vaccination status. NIOSH-approved N95 masks will be provided at registration for attendees. Attendees will have the option to take refreshments and lunches outdoors or to other open common areas around the HUB to prevent potential exposure while eating/drinking.

Well-fitting, high-quality masks worn properly are recommended to reduce the potential for transmission, particularly for the following:

- Individuals who are not up-to-date on COVID-19 vaccines and boosters
- Immunocompromised individuals or those at high risk for severe illness (particularly when the COVID-19 Community Level is medium or high)
- Activities that may generate more respiratory aerosols and involve frequent close contact (being within 6 feet of others)
- Crowded settings especially when there is a decreased ability to distance from others or when in spaces that may not be well ventilated

Event Entry Policy

Entrance into the venue will only be allowed with an IDEAS name badge, through the HUB North Prefunction Room 203 where the registration and check in desk is located. Keep your name badge with you at all times, as you will be required to show it each time you re-enter the venue. Frequent hand washing and/or disinfecting is encouraged. Hand sanitizer will be available to all attendees.

Anyone who is not following building or event policies for COVID-19 prevention may be asked to leave the HUB.
Washington Exposure Notifications

Event attendees, staff and volunteers are encouraged to **activate the Washington Exposure Notifications - WA Notify app**. The WA Notify app is a free tool you can add to your smartphone to alert you of potential COVID-19 exposures. It is completely private, doesn’t collect or share any personal information, and doesn't track where you go. Find more information about the WA Notify app at: [https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/COVID19/WANotify](https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/COVID19/WANotify)

Be Respectful

A hallmark of IDEAS is incorporating the patient voice in the meeting. Patient advocate attendees, and other attendees in the audience, may be immunocompromised, be unable to be vaccinated, or have other medical conditions that put them at higher risk of infection. Attendees may have different comfort levels with physical distancing and/or masking. Please be respectful of others.

Confirmed or suspected COVID after attending IDEAS?

If you have confirmed or suspected COVID-19 during or after attending all or part of IDEAS in-person, please contact Kassandra Thomson at [kst3@uw.edu](mailto:kst3@uw.edu) as soon as possible.
UW HUB COVID-19 Prevention Strategies

The HUB is taking the following steps to assist in the prevention of COVID-19:

- The HUB HVAC system is equipped with MERV 13 air filters and air is cycled through the building
- Each meeting room is equipped with an air purifier
- The HUB has hand sanitizer available in all of the main lounges, meeting rooms, on each elevator landing and at the North entrance of the building
- Restrooms are located on each of the landings for handwashing
- The HUB disinfects each event space before and after each use using Alpha HP 67
- Mid-event sanitization is available and can be requested by calling 206-543-8191 on the day of the event (pending staffing availability)
- Signage informing guests of UW Face Covering Policy and self-monitoring for systems is posted at every HUB entrance

Current HUB COVID-19 Guidelines can be found at https://hub.washington.edu/visit/.

Cleaning & Disinfecting Protocols

The UW Environmental Health & Safety Department has a COVID-19 Cleaning and Disinfection Protocol for campus partners that comply with guidelines from the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for preventing the spread of coronavirus. The University’s custodial cleaning program follows this protocol to regularly clean shared spaces, such as public and common areas, restrooms, and break rooms, and regular cleaning and disinfection of high-touch surfaces. In some areas, individual users are also be responsible for regularly cleaning and disinfecting equipment/items they share.

The HUB follows COVID-19 Enhanced Cleaning and Disinfection Protocols and uses peroxide-based EPA-registered disinfectants. The HUB daytime custodial team focuses on high-touch surfaces (door knobs/handles, light switches, counter tops, stair handrails, banisters, and elevator controls), and the evening custodial team conducts a building-wide clean each night. Water fountains are available throughout the HUB, and we encourage you to bring your own bottle and use the water bottle filling station. Water fountains are sanitized and disinfected regularly.

UW Vaccination Requirements

In order to protect the health of our community, the UW requires all students and personnel to be vaccinated against COVID-19, with certain exemptions allowed.