

## Facilities Services FAQ for the Coronavirus Website

Updated as of 6/22/2020

*IMPORTANT – Personal hygiene is the greatest defense against contracting the COVID-19 virus. Intermittent cleaning and disinfecting will not outweigh an individual’s ability to wash and/or sanitizing hands after touching public, shared, or other spaces. Please be diligent in your personal hygiene.*

- How will Washburn clean and disinfect the campus?
  - Washburn will adhere to the [COVID-19 PREVENTION: ENHANCED CLEANING AND DISINFECTION PROTOCOLS](#).
- How will Washburn clean and disinfect the classrooms?
  - A plan for cleaning and disinfecting the classrooms will be developed with Academic Affairs.
- Will Washburn provide PPE (Personal Protective Equipment)?
  - Masks – Washburn has placed an order with suppliers to provide a mask for each faculty, staff, and student member of our community. Masks are expected to be available for the Fall semester.
  - Gloves – Washburn has placed a bulk order for all sizes of nitrile gloves. Gloves will be provided to staff responsible for cleaning and disinfecting when cleaning products are provided.
  - Facilities Services will attempt to maintain an inventory of PPE for distribution to departments. Inventory will be dependent on purchase availability. Departments shall submit work requests via the [facilities request order](#).
- Will Washburn provide appropriate hand sanitizer?
  - Washburn has placed a bulk order for hand sanitizer for public use on Washburn campuses. Hand sanitizer is expected to be available for the Fall semester.
  - Facilities Services will attempt to maintain an inventory of hand sanitizer for distribution to departments. Inventory will be dependent on purchase availability.
  - Departments shall submit a [facilities request order](#) to request product. Hand sanitizer will be provided in dispensers determined by purchase availability.
- Who will perform cleaning and disinfection in my area?
  - Generally, Facilities Services’ Custodial Department will perform daily cleaning and sanitation of public and select communal spaces per Operational Area Plans.
  - Staff – staff will be responsible for their individual work station or office.
  - Faculty - faculty will be responsible for their individual work station or office.

- Students - students will be responsible for their individual residences.
- Departments – departments will be responsible for their communal areas, and will need to be discussed in their respective Operational Area Plan.
- What cleaning & disinfecting products will be available for use? (Updated 6/11/20)
  - Hand Sanitizer – Washburn has purchased liquid hand sanitizer for distribution to shared/common areas on campus. Product will be provided in ½ gallon jugs and smaller bottles as available. Pumps are being procured for the ½ gallon bottles.
    - Foam and gel type hand sanitizer is in limited stock from all distributors at this point and are not available for distribution at this time. Dispensers and refills of sanitizer is included in the limited supply.
  - Disinfecting Products – Washburn is using two products, Diversey Alpha-HP and Diversey J-512. Alpha HP is a cleaning and sanitizing product. J-512 is a sanitizing product only. These are being distributed to departments as requested.
  - Disinfecting Wipes – wipes are in limited stock from all distributors at this point and are not available for distribution at this time.
- What about UV-C Germicidal Lights or other alternative disinfecting methods?
 

Per the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) & Center for Disease Control (CDC):

  - The efficacy of alternative disinfection methods, such as ultrasonic waves, high intensity UV radiation, and LED blue light against COVID-19 virus is not known.
  - EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) does not routinely review the safety or efficacy of germicidal devices, such as UV lights, LED lights, or ultrasonic devices. Therefore, EPA cannot confirm whether, or under what circumstances, such products might be effective against the spread of COVID-19.
  - CDC does not recommend the use of sanitizing tunnels. There is no evidence that they are effective in reducing the spread of COVID-19. Chemicals used in sanitizing tunnels could cause skin, eye, or respiratory irritation or damage.
- Will building heating and air systems be modified to minimize the spread of COVID-19 (updated 06/22/2020)?
  - Per the CDC ([cleaning and disinfecting in the workplace FAQ](#)) , “the risk of spreading the virus that causes COVID-19 through ventilation systems has not been studied, but is likely low. Routine HVAC maintenance is recommended. Although it is never the first line of prevention, consider general ventilation adjustments in your workplace, such as increasing ventilation and increasing the amount of outdoor air used by the system. Maintain the indoor air temperature and humidity at comfortable levels for building occupants.” Washburn is maintaining the HVAC systems appropriately and will increase ventilation and outdoor air if the system is able based on design and occupant comfort.
- How can I keep my hands clean during work?
  - Practice good personal hygiene, i.e., refrain from touching your face, wash your hands per CDC recommendations, utilize hand sanitizer, etc.

- Seek to perform work electronically as opposed to hard copies of paperwork, if possible.
- How do I order items which would support social distancing or other related COVID-19 recommendations (e.g., Plexiglas shields or carpet tape)?
  - Departments will submit these type of items via a [facilities request order](#).