

COVID-19 Task Force Update

Sharing information regarding academic planning activities for the NPS Summer Quarter 2021

28 July 2021

Guidance from the Provost: (new)

On 6 July, Provost Scott Gartner announced NSAM transition to Health Protection Condition A (HPCON A), with the following consequences:

"...physical spacing in classrooms can drop from 6 feet to 3 feet between students, effectively doubling available classroom space, as well as drop to 3 feet distancing in offices and other common areas. Further, NPS no longer has limitations on the population density of the campus..."

Regarding facemasks, Provost Gartner added:

"All unvaccinated personnel are still required to wear a facemask while on federal property. Military members should update the vaccine tracker with their vaccine status. If the tracker is not showing you as fully vaccinated, you will be required to wear a mask while on the NPS campus. Update the tracker here: [NPS Vaccine Tracking](#)"

Guidance from the Dean of Students:

For in-person classes:

- **If all participants are immunized** (requires unsolicited, voluntary disclosure by civilian personnel)
 - Masks are not required
 - No distancing is required
- **If any immunization status is NOT known**
 - Masks are required for personnel in negative or unknown status

CNO Guidance:

The CNO office issued [NAVADMIN 110/21](#), the **US NAVY COVID-19 STANDING GUIDANCE**, indicating that

"... Fully immunized individuals are not required to wear facemasks or physically distance from others ..."

President's Board for Student Affairs: (new)

Message from the PBSA:

Hello fellow students,

*Welcome back and thank you for your patience during this summer hybrid transition. The follow-up Hybrid Transition Survey concluded, and the results were sent to you directly on Friday, 23 JUL 2021. If your concerns were not addressed in the results email, please reach out to me at domonique.hittner@nps.edu or pbsa@nps.edu. Thank you for continuing to share your recommendations. If there is anything else you would like me to share with the President, Dean of Students, or Provost, please reach out to me anytime. I will continue to provide you with biweekly/or weekly updates. **If you have any comments to share before the All-Hands on Thursday, 29 JUL 2021, please message me on MS Teams or via email.***

Thank you for your continued flexibility and support. You may also bring any questions to our next in person at our general student body meeting every 2nd Thursday of each month, via direct message or email. Our next meeting is on Thursday, 12 August, from 1200-1300 on MS Teams and outside of the Dudley Knox Library by Starbucks. If you are unable to attend, please email us for the meeting minutes or with any questions. Our recommendations form is available here at my.nps.edu/group/pbsa/student-advocacy.

*Here to serve,
Domoniqué Hittner
Chair, President's Board for Student Affairs*

Safety: (new)

Current classroom capacity is 25%-50% of the normal capacity due to CDC 6ft social-distancing guideline, but it increases to 50%-100% under new 3ft guidelines.

Vaccinations are widely available and encouraged: (see <https://nps.edu/covid-19-vaccine-planning>).

Ventilation and airflow have been tested in windowless classrooms throughout this past year and has included repairs to some systems. All windowed rooms are approved for use.

For further information:

<https://nps.edu/web/safety/coronavirus>

Instructional Support: (new)

AY 22 Teaching Fellow Program

The Office of Teaching and Learning (OTL) is accepting applications for the AY2022 Teaching Fellows Program for faculty who want to expand their teaching and assessment practices to advance learning in residential and distance courses. In the past, eligibility for participation in TFP was restricted to newer faculty who had been at NPS for 1-8 years. New this year, in response to faculty requests, **all interested NPS faculty are eligible** to the Teaching Fellows Program. [Details in this link.](#) Please contact arodgers@nps.edu with questions.

Student Guide for Hybrid Instruction:

<https://nps.box.com/s/mt9arsjz1z6c0q66sb6754xgdveqfhug>

Hybrid Resources for Faculty:

<https://nps.box.com/s/nxg4diwli3ll1fmg42eztwxi2x4je3pn>

For additional ideas and help getting started contact Ali Rodgers: arodgers@nps.edu
Resources for course design and technology & pedagogy integration: geacinstrdesign@nps.edu

For further information and to review instructional resources, visit [TLC website](#).

For personal assistance, contact: TLC@nps.edu

Dudley Knox Library: (dated July 3rd)

The Library has re-opened!

See: <https://library.nps.edu/>

Library hours are 0730-1730, Mon-Fri. The library is open for resource checkout, printing ([download new printer packages](#) [login required]), study spaces (Covid-safe spacing), and library computers. Other services currently available online will remain.

In accordance with campus COVID safety protocols, ventilation system surveys and spacing requirements, we have removed some tables, chairs, and computers to allow for proper social distancing. For everyone's safety, we ask that you abide by the signage where computers and chairs have been removed and not move them back or try to use those spaces. We will have cleaning/sanitizing supplies located throughout the building.

As the stacks are now browsable and materials can be checked out, **we will be discontinuing our book retrieval and print on demand services as you will now be able come in and get things as you need them.** Course Reserve items will be available for use in the building.

For those who have used the printers in our building in the past, please note, we now have new Multi-function Devices (aka printers) so if you have mapped your laptops to the old ones, you will need to remap to the new ones. For those who are new, you can map your laptops so you can send print jobs to the library and release them when you get here. [The link for those instructions is here.](#)

The **Graduate Writing Center (GWC)** and **Thesis Processing Office (TPO)** are continuing most of their services on-line; however, there will also be opportunity for in-person coaching and instruction.

Further information:

GWC: <https://nps.edu/web/gwc>

TPO: <https://nps.edu/web/thesisprocessing>

Study Spaces: (dated July 3rd)

Many students will continue to need on-campus study spaces and/or spaces to attend a DL class before or after a face-to-face class. Methods for requesting study spaces are listed below. In addition, as a reminder and for those new to campus, there are many outdoor spaces on campus with Wi-Fi access.

There are two methods to make requests for study spaces:

1. **Library Spaces:** The Library re-opened on 14 June. Open space study areas with socially distanced seating are available. Study rooms will be available on a reservation basis with limited seating capacity. To access the reservation system, you can use the **Reserve a Room** icon on the Library homepage <https://library.nps.edu/> or directly at <https://libmeeting.nps.edu/>.

Once in the reservation system, hovering over the room numbers with your cursor will enable you to see the current seating capacity, following current COVID-19 safety protocols.

2. **Campus Spaces*:** The **Event Scheduler** requires VPN access and your nps.edu email account. You can request conference rooms, cubicles, classroom and auditoriums and your requests will be sent directly to the room owner for approval. Learn more about how to make a request at <https://nps.edu/web/scheduling/faqs>.

**Please note that campus spaces are limited so requests will be granted on a first come, first served basis. Additionally, we recommend only making requests for the dates and times you will need the room, as blocking off rooms for an entire day/week is discouraged and may result in a denied request.*

For further information concerning additional study space needs please contact your Program Officer.

Technical Support: (dated July 3rd)

ITACS and GEAC are working on increasing the technology capabilities of NPS classrooms, outfitting the classrooms across campus with hybrid capabilities.

Currently, 45 classrooms are hybrid enabled, including the more robust Flex rooms and Reed Hall. The rooms list has been updated on the "Hybrid How-To" wiki pages.

We've received shipping notice for 50 additional document cameras. We'll begin deploying them as soon as we have them on hand. The document cameras have built-in microphones, so will support lecture from the lectern, but will have limited utility for back-and-forth discussion between remote and resident students. An equivalent number of speakerphones is also on order and will better support discussion.

Useful links:

- [List of Hybrid Enabled Classrooms](#), provides specific details of rooms and individual capabilities. **This list is updated as periodically.**
- [Hybrid How-to: NPS Classrooms](#), provides information on the use of hybrid classrooms and their capabilities
- [Update on Classroom Technology](#), provides info on basic and enhanced learning technology kits for hybrid-equipped classrooms.

Classroom/Lab Scheduling & Availability: (dated July 3rd)

Scheduling Office assigned a classroom to every course, even the ones who requested to be 100% DL, to assist students that have face-to-face and DL courses in the same day.

Alternative spaces, such as larger conference rooms were added to the pool of available classroom spaces to provide additional capacity for in-residence learning.

The Scheduling Office reminds that changes to the posted schedule will need to follow this [scheduling workflow](#). The Scheduling Office is available to facilitate room adjustments.

For scheduling questions: scheduling@nps.edu

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