

ROADMAP TO THE NEW NORMAL AND ADDENDUM JANUARY 2021

INTRODUCTION

This document updates the Roadmap to a New Normal released June 15, 2020.

The *TUN Roadmap to the New Normal* and the *Health and Safety Guide* are Touro University Nevada's (TUN) plans for the TUN community, providing guidance to move forward safely during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Touro's leadership continues to provide specificity based on the needs in the various colleges and programs. TUN continues to follow our priorities and basic principles to keep our students, faculty, staff, and community safe.

TIMELINES AND PHASES

Touro University Nevada implemented a phased reintegration plan in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The overall progression through the phases, including the occupancy of its facilities, is subject to any change based on current local community COVID-19 infection spread, accreditation requirements, Federal Department of Education requirements, State mandates, and other dynamic factors.

As noted in the original Roadmap, phases may be modified, accelerated, slowed, or reversed.

On June 16, TUN moved into Phase 2 – Balancing Our Approach with the campus reopening on July 13 with limited density accomplished through a combination of online and on-campus operations. In this phase, we take a balanced approach to provide quality education while keeping health and safety at the forefront.

It was anticipated that phase 3 would begin at the start of academic year 2021-22, but that remains to be determined. TUN is adjusting timeline for the present Phase 2 plan. Current estimated timelines are as follows:

- Phase 1 – Adjusting to Change (through June 15, 2020)**
- Phase 2 – Balancing Our Approach (June 16, 2020 – To be determined in Academic Year 21-22)**
- Phase 3 – Carrying It Forward – the “new normal” (To be determined)**

We recognize that the road ahead for Touro is still very much uncertain. However, we commit to providing you with as much advance notice as possible for changes.

PRIORITIES AND BASIC PRINCIPLES

The *TUN COVID-19 response* is guided by, and decisions are being made with, the following priorities and principles:

- The **health and safety** of the campus community are our top priority.
- The engagement, retention, progression, and **success of our students** are principal drivers of planning.
- **Faculty engagement and academic success** is also of paramount importance, including scholarly activities, research, and service.
- We must also strengthen and expand the **University's outreach** and how we engage with external partners and other stakeholders.
- The Campus Master Plan, facilities, and **utilization of campus resources** must be included in ongoing planning efforts.

PHASE 2 EXTENSION FACTORS

Social distancing requirements have impacted space availability. Teaching spaces that would normally be used for didactic lectures and classes have been transformed to lab spaces to allow for social distancing.

Due to ongoing capacity restrictions and the need for social distancing, we do not have enough rooms to allow both lab and didactic classes to resume.

To better protect the health and safety of individuals on campus, TUN has adopted additional policies and guidelines for activities that occur both on-campus and off-campus. We encourage everyone to limit their own risks of exposure to reduce the risk of exposure for others.

TUN will continue the on-campus socially distanced lab classes and virtual didactic classes through the Spring 2020-21 trimesters for the College of Health and Human Services programs and the Spring 2021 semester for the College of Osteopathic Medicine programs.

Please note that TUN has been authorized to continue this hybrid of online didactic and on-campus lab classes until June 30, 2021. While we anticipate we will continue as planned through the end of Phase 2, please understand that the Department of Education and our accrediting bodies can impact that plan.

PHASE 2 - ACTIVITIES AND PROTOCOLS

ACTIVITY / ROLE	PROTOCOL
Didactic instruction (non-hands-on classes)	Online only
Hands-on lab classes (including clinical skills & anatomy)	On-campus; scheduled by program
Simulation activities - OSCE..... -Task trainers..... -Ultrasound equipment..... -Other simulation activities (sim center).....	-Online and in-person; scheduled by program -On-campus; by individual reservation -On-campus; by individual reservation -On-campus; by individual reservation
Student support -Library..... -Student Affairs..... -Student Counseling..... -Student Health.....	Decisions will be made at the unit level -Online -Online and on-campus with limited staffing -Telephonic, via video calls -Telemedicine or On-campus with appointments
IT employees	Decisions will be made at the unit level Help Desk offered online and on-campus with limited staffing
Academic department employees	Virtual/online as much as possible. Decisions will be made at the unit level
Administrative department employees	Virtual/online as much as possible. Decisions will be made at the unit level
Faculty individual time	Virtual/online as much as possible. Decisions will be made at the College level -Tools & training will be provided to assist faculty to mentor/advise/research effectively online and off-campus
Research -Basic Science labs..... -Human performance space..... -Other research support.....	Virtual/online as much as possible -On-campus by prescheduled arrangement -On-campus by prescheduled arrangement -Online
External clinics -Health Center..... -Mobile Health Clinics..... -Center for Autism.....	- In-person appointments and telemedicine -Clinical/rotation use; scheduled by program -In-person appointments
Student individual time -Study time..... -Practice time.....	Virtual/online as much as possible On campus by reservations; limited hours/spaces On campus by reservations; limited hours/spaces

CLARIFICATIONS OF PHASE 2 PROTOCOLS AND STRATEGIES

Access policies and scheduling for campus spaces are being continually reviewed by campus and college leadership, as well as by a campus-wide COVID-19 workgroup, to support safe, equitable, and productive use of campus space. Considerations of additional uses of campus space, including the use of offices and activities to support at-risk students, will be on a case-by-case basis and must have pre-approval by the Chief Academic Officer.

In response to questions that have been raised during the last few months, we have clarified some protocols and strategies.

PHASE 2 – BALANCING OUR APPROACH		
DEFINITIONS	PROTOCOLS	STRATEGIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change in status by state, local, or CDC officials may affect progress to reintegration. • Selected & essential instruction & campus operations may be reintegrated while majority of instruction & operations remain online/remote. • Leadership approval required for any change in status. • Review needs, resources, & constraints to prepare for Phase 3. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If ill or feeling sick, do not come to campus for any reason. • Face masks always required • Social distancing to be observed in hallways, rooms, or common areas while waiting for or going to lab classes • Thermal scans required prior to entering building. • Badge scanning required on building entry and exit • Hand sanitizers placed throughout building. Please use. • Disinfecting of common areas. • Congregating in hallways, break rooms, & common areas not allowed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued minimization of population on campus to limit density and interpersonal exposure • Collaborative shared scheduling decisions to ensure equitable access across colleges and programs • Lab Classes allowed on campus but must be scheduled. No didactic classes allowed on campus. • Consideration of additional uses of campus space will be on a case-by-case basis and must have pre-approval through the campus access approval process. • Events should be held virtually, unless pre-approval is granted through the campus access approval process, including campus and student organization activities. • Students and student groups requesting to do co-curricular events on- or-off campus are reviewed monthly. • Study seats available to students by individual reservation when labs not in session • Break rooms & common areas closed. No eating inside building. • Outside picnic tables are available for breaks, but social distancing must still be observed. • Health & safety precautions must be followed. • Necessary accommodations to be made for vulnerable populations. • Campus population density is monitored daily through lab class schedules, individual reservations and appointments to keep density low. • For students and/or employees who believe they have essential business travel needs, pre-approval is required from TUN executive leadership to be reimbursed and approved for time-off. • Students who choose to travel for personal reasons out of country or go on a cruise ship must quarantine for 14 days after returning to Southern Nevada