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UGA fosters lifelong relationships with our alumni, because we are committed to the growth, success and connection of the Bulldog family.

We bring Bulldogs together year-round, worldwide and lifelong. Because whether you were a first-gen grad or born wearing red and black, being a Bulldog is about more than a memory or even a degree.

It's about a deep-rooted community, centuries old and over three hundred thousand strong. As the birthplace of public higher education in America, we instill a tenacity that gives our graduates an advantage in the working world.

Connect with alumni across the country (and world!) through 90+alumni chapters – local groups that keep you connected to your Bulldog family. You can attend a variety of professional networking, social and community service events throughout the year. Also, affinity groups like UGA Black Alumni, Women of UGA and Young Alumni offer other, specific ways for Bulldogs to come together.

Our family reunions embody the spirit of UGA. We connect the dreamers and the doers. We celebrate the risk-takers and the culture-shapers. We create better communities around the world. And we are empowering the next breed of Bulldogs to continue that tradition.

We are UGA Alumni, and we Never Bark Alone.

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Covid-19 Guidance for Alumni Chapters

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Purpose of This Training

- Provide volunteer leaders with information regarding their role in the re-opening of campus and alumni activities
- Educate volunteer leaders on important measures UGA is implementing to create a safe and healthy environment
- Provide basic information about COVID-19 and how it is spread from person-to-person
- Emphasize the importance to all UGA volunteers on their role in proactively creating a safe and healthy bulldog community in their chapter regions
- Provide COVID-19 event guidance



Ways UGA is Creating a Safe Alumni Environment

- Following best practices from the University System of Georgia, the Georgia Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Taking a gradual and phased approach for employees returning to work
- Providing training modules for faculty, staff, students and volunteers
- Developing the UGA Return to Campus Guidelines
- Providing COVID-19 event guidance
- Requiring all faculty and staff to self-monitor and acknowledge that they are not aware they have signs and/or symptoms of COVID-19 before coming to campus each day.
- Implementing enhanced cleaning and disinfection protocols across campus
- Using reminder signage and other communications to encourage all members of our community and visitors to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 by practicing good hygiene



What is COVID-19 and How Does it Spread?

- COVID-19 is a mild (or no symptoms) to severe respiratory illness caused by Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2).
- COVID-19 is primarily spread from person-to-person through respiratory droplets, generated when an infected person coughs, sneezes, talks, shouts or sings.
- You also may become infected by touching your mouth, nose or eyes after sharing or handling any object or touching a public surface contaminated by the virus.



What is COVID-19 and How Does it Spread?

- Since COVID-19 spreads between people who are in close proximity to one another, it is important to avoid contact and physically distance from others when possible.
- Since COVID-19 can be spread through contact with surfaces and objects, frequent handwashing, use of hand sanitizer and cleaning and disinfection of public surfaces also are critical to prevention and disease spread.



Important Terms to Know During a Pandemic

Pandemic: a global epidemic or one that has spread over several continents affecting many people

Social Distancing: remaining out of congregate settings and maintaining 6 feet distance from others

Congregate settings: public places where close contact with others may occur

Isolation: the separation of those who are sick with a contagious disease from those who are not to avoid transmission



Important Terms to Know During a Pandemic

Quarantine: to separate and restrict movement of people who may have been exposed to a contagious disease, but do not show symptoms

Incubation Period: the time from exposure to an agent, like COVID-19, to the onset of symptoms

Asymptomatic Carriers: individuals, who are infected with an infectious agent such as COVID-19, who may spread the illness without showing symptoms of the disease

Contact tracing: a strategy where public health officials work with a patient to help them recall everyone with whom they have had a close contact during the timeframe while they may have been infectious



Self-Monitoring and Symptoms of COVID-19

- According to the CDC, people with COVID-19 have reported a wide range of symptoms, ranging from mild to severe. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus and include:
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fever (greater than 100.4 Fahrenheit degrees)
 - Chills
 - Muscle Pain
 - Headache
 - Sore Throat
 - New loss of taste or smell (without a stuff nose)
- **You must self-monitor and acknowledge** that you are not aware that you have signs and/or symptoms of COVID-19 before hosting and attending an in-person chapter event.



Self-Monitoring and Symptoms of COVID-19

- This list does not include all possible symptoms.
- For the most up-to-date information on COVID-19 symptoms, check the CDC's website.
- **By attending an in-person chapter event, you are acknowledging that you have completed the self-monitoring requirements earlier that day and confirmed you do not have signs/symptoms of COVID-19.**



How can COVID-19 Infection be Prevented?

- Maintain social distance when in-doors
- If unvaccinated, continue to wear a mask
- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer (at least 60% alcohol) if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Stay home if you are sick. If you become sick at the UGA event, go home immediately.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



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How can COVID-19 Infection be Prevented?

- Avoid sharing food
- Follow sanitizing procedures for commonly used public spaces
- Limit shared event supplies (no pom poms or beads that can be passed around from person-to-person)
- Continue to limit large group events where social distancing is not always possible or if it can't be held outdoors.
- Utilize Dawg Strong signage reminders at events.



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University System of Georgia Guidance

- As of May 14, the USG has provided updated guidance on our return to normal operations.
- Most significantly, effective immediately, **face coverings and social distancing are no longer required in UGA buildings or at in-person events but are strongly encouraged for those who are NOT vaccinated.**
- Please utilize updated signage templates to reflect key points from these guidelines. These have been uploaded to the [Digital Arch portal](#).
- The revised signage templates will still emphasize these messaging points:
 - Vaccines are encouraged.
 - Unvaccinated individuals are strongly encouraged to social distance when possible and wear a face covering while in attendance at events.
 - If you feel sick, stay home.
 - Good hand hygiene, including handwashing and hand sanitizer, remains important.
- We have developed an updated list of [FAQs](#) in response to questions that we have been receiving and have placed this resource on the [UGA COVID-19 website](#). These FAQs will continue to evolve over the summer.



Alumni Chapters Covid-19 Event Guidance

Effective July 1, 2021, the UGA Alumni Association will allow alumni chapters to resume in-person gatherings. Please use the [event request form](#) located on the [Chapter Leader Resources](#) page to submit your event.

The following event considerations and guidelines are expected to be followed in the interest of the health and safety of all Bulldogs. In addition, alumni chapters are also encouraged to continue hosting virtual events when an in-person gathering isn't possible.



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EVENT CONSIDERATIONS

- Could the event be hosted via Zoom or similar digital platform rather than in-person? If yes, contact our staff for assistance in event scheduling and technical support.
- If not, please contact your staff liaison to discuss your idea for an in-person event, and we will work with you on effective and efficient promotion. In-person events will be considered on a case-by-case basis, and an [event request form](#) must be submitted for review.
- For an in-person event, identify a private or commercial venue with ample space and work with the venue to determine their health and safety protocols (look for outdoor space when possible).
- **No events should be held in private homes.**
- Alumni staff may be unable to attend in-person events, so it is the responsibility of the chapter or council to ensure that all event guidelines are met.



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EVENT GUIDELINES

- **Adhere to the public health guidelines established in your city and state and monitor for changes prior to the event.**
- As it relates to community transmission rates, we refer to the [CDC Covid Data Tracker](#) and ask chapters to monitor their county(ies) level of community transmission. It is highly unlikely that we will recommend hosting any in-person events if the transmission rate is classified as "Substantial" or "High" in your area for 1) Total New Cases per 100K in Last 7 Days, or 2) Positive Test % in Last 7 Days.
- Follow venue guidance regarding event capacity (most venues will have guidelines and regulations that consider social distancing).
- Practice social distancing by maintaining at least 6-foot distance between attendees (or most updated CDC guidelines). Unvaccinated individuals are strongly encouraged to wear a face covering when in attendance at event.
- Display [Dawg Strong signage](#) provided by UGA at entrance of in-person event.
- Limit person-to-person contact (i.e., handshakes, fistbumps, etc.), try a "Go Dawgs" greeting instead!
- No common food source should be served (potlucks, buffets, shared appetizers, etc.). Each person should have their own food (boxed meal, etc.).



Alumni Chapters Covid-19 Event Guidance

- Our highest priority is the health, safety and well-being of our alumni and friends, as well as your respective communities. These considerations and guidelines may change as additional best practices around events and group gatherings during the COVID-19 pandemic become available.
- Please note that the guidance referenced in this training is subject to change based on recommendations from the Georgia Department of Public Health, Centers for Disease Control, Governor's Office or University System of Georgia. We will be monitoring conditions associated with the COVID-19 virus throughout the summer months, and we must all continue to remain flexible and be prepared to change course, if necessary.

For the latest COVID-19 guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), visit www.cdc.gov. Questions? Contact Sarah Sonenberg, Senior Director of Alumni Chapters at sarah.sonenberg@uga.edu.



Thank you for taking the time to review this training module.

Please proceed to the [online quiz](#) to confirm your completion.

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