The College of Allied Health is committed to a return to service plan including on-site instruction on both the OUHSC OKC and OU-Tulsa campuses, abiding by necessary safety precautions as appropriate for the location, program, and student population involved. All academic instruction is subject to and must comply with the HSC COVID-19 Response Plan, updated April 13, 2021, and also must comply with the Phased Return to OUHSC On-Site Instruction Plan. Please refer to these two plans as posted online at https://www.ouhsc.edu/coronavirus/Faculty-Staff for details not included in this College plan. The College of Allied Health’s plan for return to service is designed to provide an efficient, safe experience for all students, faculty, and staff of the College. The College will regularly evaluate the College Return to Service Plan and implement new or revised requirements when indicated.

**Wearing Masks.** All faculty, staff and students will be required to wear masks while on the OUHSC campuses in both OKC and Tulsa. Faculty, staff, and students may remove their mask while alone in their office, or in a common work space (such as a research lab) if social distancing is maintained. Visitors will wear masks.

**Social Distancing.** Effective June 1, 2021 social distancing will be reduced in on-campus spaces from 6 feet to 3 feet in all but patient care and eating areas. In order to maintain the required distance between individuals, a number of procedures are followed in the College of Allied Health on both the OKC and Tulsa campuses. Signs are placed throughout the Allied Health spaces to assist in following these procedures.

1. **Entry and Exit from the Building.** Building access and amenities must be managed in a manner that minimizes the risk of infection and spread of COVID-19. Entry into the Allied Health Building in OKC will continue to require the use of the employee or student ID card. A similar strategy will be followed on the Tulsa campus and signage will be installed to direct faculty, staff, and students into the Schusterman Academic Center (SAC) building (location of all labs) and in the Learning Center.

2. **Use of Stairs.** Use of stairs should allow for social distancing. A similar strategy is followed on the Tulsa campus and signage will be installed to direct faculty, staff, and students in which stairs to use.

3. **Entry into and Exit from Classrooms.** If the classroom has more than one door (almost all of them do), entry will be into the door where the card reader is, and exit will be from the door that does not have the card reader. The same strategy will be used in Tulsa.

4. **Seating in Classrooms.** Classroom and meeting room capacity has been determined, and those chairs that cannot be used are either stacked in the room or have been removed. **Do not move the chairs that are in the rooms.** Do not use a chair that has been stacked and taken out of service.
5. **Scheduling Classroom Attendance Alternating with Zoom Virtual Instruction.** In order to maintain a small enough number of students in classrooms to follow social distancing protocol, instructors may be required to separate the class into two or more groups, and may require that students attend classes in the classroom or via Zoom on different days/weeks. Faculty will let students know how specific courses will be managed by placing detailed instructions in the syllabus. Students will be required to locate the course syllabus on D2L and read these instructions carefully before classes begin.

6. **Teaching Labs.** Some labs require physical interaction between students, and faculty will implement strategies for safety while in the lab experience. A common practice will be to assign each student to a peer for the semester. Each student will wear a mask and wash hands at each break. Each dyad will be 6 feet apart from other pairs until June 1, 2021 when the distance can be reduced to 3 feet apart. Faculty will wash hands between interactions with dyads if demonstrating around the lab with several student pairs. Faculty will give specific instructions to students in the course syllabus, which will vary depending on the requirements of the lab.

7. **Use of Elevators.** Elevators are currently restricted to only 4 occupants at a time. When someone in a wheelchair is using the elevator, restrict to only 3 occupants.

8. **Use of Bathrooms.** The allowed occupancy of the bathrooms is posted on the bathroom door. When entering the bathroom, check the occupancy and go back outside the bathroom and wait for someone to leave if the occupancy is met. To maintain social distancing, be mindful of which stall, urinal, or sink you use. Faculty are encouraged to “stagger” bathroom breaks for students during class time and teaching lab time to alleviate overcrowding of bathrooms. The single occupancy bathrooms on the first and second floor of the building in OKC are available for students to use.

9. **Eating in the Building.** Eating in the Allied Health Building in OKC and on the OU-Tulsa campus is allowed, as long as people do not congregate and break the social distancing guidelines. Students may remove their mask while eating, of course.

10. **Use of Common Areas.** Social distancing must be maintained in common seating areas, such as the atrium, mezzanine, student lounge, Jenielle Greenlee Commons (OKC campus), Innovation Commons and Founder’s Hall (Tulsa campus), and couches in the hallways. Chairs and couches will be marked where seating is not allowed. Only sit where it is not prohibited. Do not tamper with any signs on the furniture.

11. **Use of Refrigerators and Microwaves in Student Lounge/Nutrition Bars.** Refrigerators and microwaves may be used in the student lounge and nutrition bars, as long as social distancing is observed. Form a line as needed with appropriate social distancing to use the microwaves. Also form a line as needed with appropriate social distancing to place food or remove food from the refrigerator.

12. **Faculty/Staff/Student Meetings.** Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to meet virtually via zoom when possible.
Cleaning of Student Desks/Chairs and Classroom Podiums. At the beginning of each class where a new group of students has entered, the faculty will be responsible to wipe down the podium area (keyboard, mouse, podium, etc), using the wipes and disinfectant stored under the podium. Do not spray disinfectant directly on the keyboard, mouse, or screen; but rather, spray the disinfectant into the wipes and wipe down the area. Faculty teaching that class are also responsible for wiping down the desk tops, using the wipes and disinfectant bottle provided under the podium. Disinfecting must be done before students are allowed to sit at the desk. Faculty may ask for a student volunteer to assist in disinfecting the student desks/chairs. Faculty may also find that the start of class will be delayed for a few minutes until the disinfecting process is complete, and should plan accordingly.

Cleaning of the Building. The University will provide appropriate cleaning of frequently used facilities and common areas on both the OKC and Tulsa campuses, including elevators, restrooms, classrooms/lecture halls, and other high-traffic spaces with the use of approved cleaners. As was the case prior to COVID-19, clean facilities and equipment require a commitment from everyone in the University community. Everyone has an important role and responsibility in maintaining a healthy work environment.

Kindness and Patience. Understandably, the phases of the return to service plan may be worrisome for faculty, staff, and students. Please be mindful when interacting with others who are worried or apprehensive and show patience and kindness.

Summary of University Policies that Will Continue to Be Followed
(See HSC COVID-19 Response Plan for Details)

Telecommuting. Telecommuting in response to COVID-19 is being phased out with the intent that by August 1, 2021, 100% of the College workforce will have resumed their regular (pre COVID-19) schedule on both the OKC and Tulsa campuses.

COVID-19 Screening. All faculty, staff, and students are required to complete and submit the COVID-19 Screening and Reporting Tool when the campus criteria for screening are met. This reporting is required, even if the employee or student has received the complete COVID-19 vaccine series.

Gatherings (not classes). Organized campus gatherings that are hosted indoors, including meetings, must not exceed the COVID capacity for the space, which must allow for social distancing of at least 6 feet between individuals, until June 1, 2021 when the distance can be reduced to 3 feet. Masks must be worn. University-sponsored events held off-campus must comply with the facility’s COVID requirements as described in Section III: Social Distancing and Gatherings of the HSC COVID-19 Response Plan.