

UT Physics GTA Training

Things to Go Over the First Lab

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Outline

- **Building Emergency Action Plan**
- **Update to health and safety during the pandemic (SARS-CoV-2 virus and Covid-19 disease)**
- **Syllabus**

Building Emergency Action Plan

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- Read the emergency plan to familiarize yourself with what to do in an emergency:
- <http://www.phys.utk.edu/about/Nielsen-Physics-BEAP.pdf>
- Go over with your students:
- <http://www.phys.utk.edu/about/Nielsen-Physics-BEAP-Classroom-Information.pdf>

Maintaining Health and Safety during Lab

Covid-19

- You cannot ask if someone is vaccinated.
- With vaccines now readily available, we will be relying on students and employees to make informed decisions about their own health and how to protect themselves. The spread of the Delta variant in our community makes these personal health decisions more critical than ever.
- We encourage all Vols to get vaccinated. Additionally, in response to increasing spread of the Delta variant, we will begin the semester with limited mask requirements.

Masks

- Students, faculty, and staff will be required to wear masks in classrooms and labs, and for indoor academic events required for students such as orientation. We will continually re-evaluate the need for masks based on COVID-19 case counts in our community.
- We encourage every member of our campus community—especially those who are unvaccinated—to consider [CDC guidance related to mask wearing](#) in other indoor public spaces.

Testing Positive

- The Student Health Center will continue to provide free and convenient COVID-19 testing for any student. The center also has a supply of free COVID-19 home test kits for student and employee use.
- Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19, is in isolation due to COVID-19 symptoms, or is in quarantine because of COVID-19 exposure must not participate in campus activities, including class and extracurricular activities. Students and employees can get guidance from the COVID-19 support team by [completing the COVID-19 self-isolation form](#).
- [More on isolation or quarantine and how to make a plan](#)

Syllabus

Syllabi

- **Laboratory syllabi for each course will be formulated by the lecturers for that course and the GTAs assigned to teach the laboratory sections. Follow the UT template to make sure that required information is included.**
- **GTAs should submit syllabi to Catherine Longmire to post on our Web site.**

Syllabus Template

- <https://teaching.utk.edu/the-syllabus/>
- See the Example Syllabus linked in the files.
- This is your contract with the students. Stick to your syllabus.