

**PRESIDENT'S FORUM  
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**Q&A**

**What is the plan for returning to work?**

Approximately 70% of UT Health San Antonio's workforce is currently working from home. The transition was swift and successful based on a number of technologies, systems and infrastructure that was put in place to be able to support this shift and support the continued delivery of our missions.

A thoughtful and comprehensive plan for returning to campus is being designed by a **COVID-19 Workplace Safety Work Group**. This work group will be providing detailed proposals over the next few weeks that will outline a safe, structured and systematic return to the workplace strategy that will be executed over the next several months. This work complements several continuity planning teams that are already working on plans for the continuous delivery and reactivation of services for patient care, critical research and clinical education on campus. The objective of this Workplace Safety Work Group is to ensure the campus – the workplace – is safe to support these missions in a new normal of modified operations due to the continued threat of COVID-19.

**How will the university handle the potential spike in cases as businesses begin to reopen in San Antonio?**

Many faculty experts are playing pivotal roles with the city and county governments in advising them on best practices to flatten the curve of contagion in our community while experiencing an expansion in testing capabilities. All of the preventive recommendations will remain in place: handwashing, social distancing, wearing masks, etc. UT Health San Antonio's Return-to-Campus Plan also will be monitoring the number of new cases and advising the organization as a safe, structured and systematic return-to-the-workplace strategy is executed over the next several months. We anticipate a majority of the workforce will remain working from home for an extended amount of time. Fortunately, we have put into place the needed infrastructure to ramp up work from home capabilities quickly should we need a majority of our workforce to do so.