

November 6, 2020

YSN Community,

First, thank you for your ongoing efforts to keep our community safe during this time. As YSN's Health and Safety Leader (HSL), I wanted to send a few reminders, in follow up to Provost Strobel and Vice Provost Spangler's [email](#) today. There is a good bit of important information in this email so please take some time to review in its entirety.

COVID concerns and protocols. I urge everyone to familiarize themselves with the Yale reporting and [contact tracing protocols](#), including Yale's statement on Respect for Your Privacy. If anyone is aware of an infraction to the [Yale Community Commitment](#) or policies, including large gatherings or parties held off campus, we urge you to inform me (marcia.thomas@yale.edu) or make an anonymous or identified report through Yale's hotline at 877-360-9253, or online at your.yale.edu/hotline. This service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We will then investigate for next steps. This process will assist in keeping our community safe while also limiting the spread of rumors.

We understand that it is an anxious time for many in our community. Yale has established an extensive compliance, reporting, and tracing program to minimize risk. This process includes respecting the privacy and health information of all members of our community. Information about COVID-19 cases anywhere on campus will not be shared except "as needed" to control the spread of COVID-19. At YSN, there are just a few individuals—the Dean and the HSL—who are informed of any isolations or quarantine requirements, and building access is removed for that period. Anyone deemed at risk for exposure will be contacted through the Contact Tracing Program and provided guidance.

Please remember that YSN buildings will close to our community starting Nov. 21st and will not reopen until January 18th. Only those employees with pre-approved access will be authorized to access YSN space based on specific business needs. Security and cleaning protocols will be adjusted accordingly. Faculty and staff with questions about access during this time can contact me at marcia.thomas@yale.edu. We continue to revisit our building hours as new information becomes available, so please continue to check emails for any updates.

Travel: Please follow [Yale](#) and [Connecticut COVID-19 travel policies](#) frequently. Students are not required to submit the [Yale Travel form](#) to the YSN HSL between November 21st and January 18th but Please note that CT travel restrictions change rapidly, and we ask our entire community to stay informed.

PPE distribution: All those authorized to be on campus have been issued Return to Yale kits which include cloth face masks. Additional PPE for YSN-sponsored clinical work, including specialized medical PPE, is available and allocated out: 1) to those who require it for YSN clinical obligations 2) where it is necessary based on clinical protocol and 3) only if the site itself does not provide the PPE directly. Students who require PPE for clinical placements should contact [Tracy Chidsey](#).

Please continue to stay vigilant and follow Yale and CT protocols. As the impact of COVID-19 continues, we all need to continue to follow the recommended guidelines in our YSN spaces: wear a mask at all times, wash your hands, and observe social distancing guidelines. All members of Yale must complete their [Daily Health Check](#) prior to coming to campus, and swipe into buildings using their Yale ID.

Who to contact with questions and links to important information:

- a. YSN specific COVID-19 questions: YSN's Health and Safety Leader, Marcia Thomas at marcia.thomas@yale.edu
- b. General Yale COVID-19 questions: Campus COVID Resource Line at 203-432-6604
- c. Compliance concerns: Yale's hotline at 877-360-9253, or online at your.yale.edu/hotline.
- d. [University COVID-19 Information Page](#)
- e. [Daily Health Check](#)
- f. [COVID-19 Screening Program for Faculty, Staff, and Graduate and Professional Students](#)
- g. [Yale COVID-19 Contact Tracing Program](#)
- h. [University Travel Guidelines](#)
- i. [State of Connecticut Travel Advisory](#)

Thank you all for your understanding and compliance!

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