Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Phoenix Biomedical Campus (PBC) and UArizona Health Sciences (UAHS) campus will experience a significant decrease in room capacity. University guidelines will require adherence to social distancing practices for the health and safety of all students, faculty, and staff. Since many of the PBC and UAHS facilities are shared among numerous colleges, and other Universities in Phoenix, it is necessary to adopt policies that ensure resources for the curriculum needs of our constituents’ remain viable and equitable.

We expect all Fall 2020 class sessions will remain in their originally scheduled spaces, even if a plan to minimally reduce room capacity by 50% (i.e., every other seat) is deemed appropriate by UArizona leadership. Some rooms may have less than 50% capacity if the room features warrant it.

Maintaining rooms and class times as originally scheduled:
- Eliminates the need to competitively reschedule courses into drastically reduced spaces;
- Keeps faculty from teaching additional sections of their courses to smaller class sizes; and
- Isolates students into smaller groups to reduce the likelihood of exposure to COVID-19.

Using a didactic session to illustrate this plan: If the capacity of enrolled students exceeds the reduced occupancy (50%) of the instructional space, the class would be split into two (or more) groups. Faculty might adopt a hybrid teaching model, where student groups alternate between in-person and virtual attendance. If more stringent space guidelines are enacted, the class would divide into additional groups and alternate in-person attendance in the originally scheduled spaces.

Once we identify classrooms freed up because of shift to fully remote/online modes, we will do our best to relocate in-person classes at or close to the maximum occupancy into larger classrooms.

Any questions or concerns should be directed to UAHS Scheduling (UAHS-Scheduling@email.arizona.edu) and UAHS Facilities and Operations.