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Facilities FAQ

Will classrooms be cleaned in between each class?

Yes, all classrooms will be cleaned in between each class.

Will my office be cleaned daily?

Yes, all offices will be cleaned daily.

Community members will increasingly be eating in their rooms or offices. All those food packages and take-out containers will accumulate inside. Do I need to worry about anything?

Yes, please clean anything you spill or drop on the floor. We encourage building occupants to keep their residences and workspaces clean and free from soiled packages, plates, cups, crumbs and residues.

How often are restrooms being cleaned?

Restrooms will be sanitized every two hours.

How often are high-touch/high-traffic areas being cleaned, such as elevator buttons, railings and door handles?

High-touch/high-traffic surfaces are cleaned multiple times throughout the day depending on the need or frequency of use.

Can we request additional cleaning in our office space?

Yes, if you would like additional cleaning in your space, please contact the maintenance department at x5958.

Will we be supplied cleaning materials?

Each office suite will be supplied one bottle of spray CDC-approved cleaning solution and paper towel dispenser.

Will additional hand sanitizer stations be installed all over campus?

Facilities has installed additional hand sanitizer locations in all classrooms, office suites and throughout the common walk paths.

Is the school using CDC-approved cleaners?

Yes, all of the cleaners that Facilities uses are on the CDC/EPA COVID-19-approved list.

How has the maximum number of occupants in classrooms been calculated?

Calculations for the number of occupants per classroom are based on physical distancing guidelines and the IDPH reopening guidelines.

Is my building ventilated well enough?

Yes, most of our academic and administrative buildings have HVAC systems that either use 100% outside air, with no recirculation, or are able to be adjusted to a desired mix of outside/return air.

Is the Academy going to install filters to capture virus particles within the HVAC?

Yes, all HVAC systems currently utilize filtration systems that are designed to the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) standards at the time of construction and filters are changed in accordance with the filter manufacturer. The Academy currently maintains the highest rated filters available for each building system.

Can IMSA increase the air-exchange rate in offices and other rooms?

Yes, but this is not advisable. Current air exchange rates are governed by ASHRAE standards. Increasing airflow rates beyond these standards can disrupt airflow patterns and mixing within the room, and possibly encourage aerosols and small droplets to remain suspended in the air longer.

Can IMSA keep the HVAC system running all the time?

Yes, but this is not advisable. Many rooms require active full ventilation only when they are occupied. IMSA scheduled the HVAC system to run two hours before and after a room is occupied or vacated for the day. IMSA has adopted this ASHRAE recommendation in order to dilute and purge any remaining potential contaminants in the air.