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Dear Colleagues:

Now, more than ever, safety is everyone’s concern.

Whether it be in an office, a lab or a classroom, as caretakers of our students and our fellow co-workers, it is all of our responsibilities to uphold safety standards that have been set through the University, through Gov. Inslee’s Safe Start Washington Plan, and that those who return to work attest to through the Return to Campus Request Form, the Return to Work Location Distancing and Disinfection Plan for SARS-CoV2 and COVID-19, and WSU’s COVID-19 Employee Symptom Attestation program.

These standards mandate wearing facemasks, staying six feet apart, and staying home while you are sick. Following all of these standards is not only important for ensuring health and safety, but doing so allows us to continue our vitally important educational and research operations without interruption.

Everyone is depending on us to do our part to create a safe and productive work environment. Unsafe behaviors that jeopardize the health of our students and colleagues will not be tolerated.

If you are unable to abide by these policies while on campus or any other WSU work location, please contact your supervisor immediately to develop alternative arrangements for your work.

If you observe anyone who is violating these or other safety protocols, you are encouraged to remind them of what is expected. If you don’t feel comfortable doing so or if you’ve already done that and no improvement is noted, please contact your safety committee representative, your unit supervisor, or myself at any time. Violations of safety, legal, or ethical standards in research facilities can also be anonymously reported via 509-335-1289 or hotline@wsu.edu.

Be Safe Cougs!

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