



2021 Summer Term FAQs

These FAQs accompany the communication sent March 2, 2021 from Dr. Brian Goldstein to faculty and students with the subject line: *Summer Term Update: Prepare for On-Campus Lab Activities Starting May 10*

Q: Who is affected with this announcement?

The 2021 Summer Term on-campus schedules apply to the University's Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Nursing and Speech-Language Pathology students and faculty.

Q: Will everyone have an on-campus presence?

All students who have courses with labs will have an on-campus presence starting with the Summer Term May 10, 2021. This includes faculty who lead these courses, giving students and faculty personal face-time. Student-facing staff who have been coming to campus will continue to do so.

Q: When do labs start?

Labs will start the first week of the Summer Term, which begins May 10.

Q: Will there be changes to on-campus lab activities that begin May 10?

Lab size generally will increase to 15 students and one faculty member and lab assistant(s), with some exceptions depending on classroom size and availability. Labs at the San Marcos campus will remain at a 1:9 ratio to follow local health and safety regulations unless circumstances change and allow us to increase size. This configuration should promote cohort cohesion while remaining socially distanced and following USAHS reentry protocols.

Q: Will the Anatomy wet labs be open?

Anatomy labs will be open for learning in the Gross Anatomy lab rooms for OT and PT students up to three days per week.

Q: How are you addressing safety on campus?

We continue to monitor the Centers for Disease Controls and Prevention (CDC) and local health department guidelines to align with all recommendations for providing a safe and healthy learning environment for all. All labs and on-campus activities conform to safety and health guidelines and governmental regulations.

We recommend you review the University's [Return-to-Campus Protocols](#) to ensure a smooth return to on-campus instruction, including completing the required [COVID-19 Safety Training](#) prior to returning to campus; completing the [Personal Health Screening](#) each day you come to campus; and ensuring you have [Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\)](#) to arrive on campus.

Q: What other changes will there be on campus?

All other USAHS processes and protocols currently in place will remain.

- The Center for Innovative Clinical Practice (CICP) is to be used for its intended purpose and not a classroom, and use of the center will need to be scheduled.
- For faculty, there are no changes for approved research activities in specified research areas. Please refer to the February 25 [Return to Research and USAHS Faculty Research Guidelines communication](#).

Q: Where can I get information on student housing or finding a roommate?

Access the USAHS Student Housing Portal with your USA.edu email address to browse available properties or to find a roommate. The Student Housing Portal can be accessed in your new student checklist and on MyUSA. Attending a New Student Virtual Information Session can also be helpful.

Please note that USAHS does not provide student housing, but there are a variety of housing options near all campuses. Students also can learn about housing options from the University's Facebook groups. In each group, students can connect with other incoming students to look for potential roommates as well as see a list of apartment complexes near campus that have current vacancies. [Each campus Facebook group or campus contact is available here.](#)