**COVID-19**

**Guidance for Close Contact Activities**

**Close contact activities** are activities that require people to be within six (6) feet of each other for a total of fifteen (15) minutes over a 24-hour period.

Follow the guidelines below when close contact activities are necessary or unavoidable (e.g., hands-on training, FMS emergency repairs, or emergency transport). Contact EH&S at EHS@usc.edu for a risk assessment, preferably before beginning the activity.

1. **Avoid close contact, if possible.**
   a. Use video/telecommunication wherever applicable.
   b. Maintain six feet or more physical distancing.
   c. Minimize encounters/interactions with others.

2. **Keep the same team (if possible) until the task is completed when team participation is required.**

3. **Take breaks.** Decontaminate surfaces, clean face shields, and don new PPE before going on breaks.

4. **Ensure all essential team members follow the USC protocols for Returning to Campus.**

5. **Ensure there is a system for tracking personnel who have worked in close contact with one another (for contact tracing purposes).**

6. **Wear face shields and face coverings together for increased safety.**

7. **Wear additional PPE, if needed.**

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**Resources**

*Returning to Campus* Webpage: [https://we-are.usc.edu/phases-and-guidelines/returning-to-campus/](https://we-are.usc.edu/phases-and-guidelines/returning-to-campus/)

COVID Health Screen Guidelines/Trojan Check: [https://itservices.usc.edu/feature/trojan-check-v2/](https://itservices.usc.edu/feature/trojan-check-v2/)
