Quick Guide: Tips for coming to campus

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Follow instructions in Covid Pass. Make sure you have complete the acknowledgement and the vaccination and training requirement. And install the app.

Pack your bag the night before, like it’s your first day of school. Got your MIT ID, keys, cords and chargers, fully charged phone, extra face covering, sunglasses/hat, sweater/jacket, water bottle, snack? A+

Be sure to locate all the keys you may need to enter your work spaces and cabinets, as well as your MIT ID. If you need a lanyard, stop by Lobby 7 after you’ve tested.

Think about any cords, chargers, adapters, or equipment you may have brought home, and if you might need them to confirm what is – or isn’t – working at the office or lab.

Consider the weather: if you need to test on the day you are coming in, you may need to wait 10-30 minutes before you may tap into campus buildings. You may also prefer (and we highly recommend) taking snack breaks or meals outside, and campus has even more options for that now.

Coming to campus weekly? Once you are on your testing cadence, do your attestation and self-swab on test days at home as part of your routine after waking up, e.g., when you brush your teeth or drink your coffee. That extra habit means you’re all set to tap in when you arrive to campus, because that 10-30 min post-attestation pause already passed before your arrival.

Wear your most comfortable shoes. Trust us, those nice work shoes in the closet will see campus again but your feet need time to adjust to campus walks indoors and outdoors.

Bring another layer to wear: some buildings may be running with more air exchanges or have fewer people in them than before, which may (or may not) make the space you are in feel colder than expected.

Pack hand sanitizer? If you’d like, but you’ll find hallway dispensers of hand sanitizer throughout campus and bathroom sinks well cleaned for hand washing, thanks to our colleagues in MIT EHS and Custodial Services.

Why pack a snack? Not all campus retail dining locations are open yet; Dunkin and LaVerdes in Stratton Student Center (W20) are open now and ready for your take-away orders.

Leave yourself extra time to travel back and forth to campus the first couple of times you do it. If it’s been a while, not feeling rushed before that first meeting or last chat with a colleague goes a long way. Plus, you may want to explore a bit of our campus and Kendall Square neighborhood on a beautiful day!