

UVA Information Technology Services Fall 2020 *Classroom News*

THE YEAR OF **COVID**

Where have the last five months gone? It feels like a tornado swept through the classrooms and left just a remnant behind! We have been busy reconfiguring all of the classrooms for COVID social distancing requirements of six feet between occupants. Many of the rooms have also been outfitted with dual monitors and plastic shields for the start of in-person classes. We continue these preparations daily as about 25% of our classes are slated to be held in person.

Each classroom door has a new capacity sign on it. Seat locations are marked in each room. Unavailable seats in the auditoriums have been 'roped off' to prevent their use.

MICROPHONES: All handheld and throwable mics have been removed from the rooms for safety. Lavalier mics are available where needed, and you may request a set of mic covers for your personal use. Please contact classrooms@virginia.edu if you are teaching in a room with a lavalier mic and need these covers.

CLEANING: Classrooms will be cleaned by custodial services daily. Instructors and students are asked to clean spaces they are using before and after each class. Spray cleaner and paper towels have been distributed to each room (one set per 5 users). Please don't spray the AV equipment directly, but rather spray the paper towels and wipe the surfaces of the keyboards, mice, and touch panel screens. Please don't attempt to clean the plastic shields. They should be considered "non-touch" surfaces and not require cleaning. Air circulation has been increased in each room for better ventilation. Rooms without good ventilation are not being used.

This semester will be a challenge for us all—let's keep our spirits high as we navigate these waters. We can be successful TOGETHER!

Other Changes

- **Upgraded AV equipment** has been installed in 40 rooms for greater security and reliability.
- **Additional cameras and mics** have been installed to facilitate distance learning.
- Zoom is installed on all classroom computers.
- Panopto version 8 is now available and has been installed on classroom computers.
- iCLICKer Classic 7.22 is this semester's required version. Please update your iClicker files with this version which can be downloaded at <https://www.iclicker.com/school/university-of-virginia> (Windows & Mac versions available). iClicker provides personalized training on the use of the system. Version 7.23 is available, but is not required unless you are using MacOS Catalina (10.15). Please ensure you authorize iClicker with the proper permissions if using Catalina.
- Please check our website at <https://classrooms.its.virginia.edu> for more information.