COVID-19 Bathrooms Guidance

This document provides guidance and interim measures for bathrooms during the COVID-19 pandemic to help reduce risk of transmission. Please follow and promote the measures below. As always; use face coverings, wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, practice physical distancing of 6 feet, and routinely clean and disinfect your work areas and common spaces.

Bathrooms
The following are guidelines on use of multi-occupant bathrooms at Boston University in a COVID-19 environment:

- Minimize time in all shared bathrooms
  - If there are multiple communal bathrooms available on a floor, bathrooms should be assigned by zone or other criteria, and users should only use their assigned bathroom, to limit cross contamination and assist with traffic control.
- Signs indicate the maximum allowable occupancy. Many bathrooms are indicated for single use. Larger bathrooms may allow for more than one person if a 6 foot physical distance can be maintained
- For sinks and open showers, 6 feet of separation must be maintained when in use
- If toilets and showers are separated by physical barriers that are floor to ceiling, all can be used
  - For bathrooms with only partial barriers, (open at top or bottom) Use of every other stall, urinal, shower and sink is highly recommended
  - Showers that are open to the general public should be taken offline
  - Shower in office suits can remain online in accordance with these guidelines
- Queuing markers for bathroom use may be used outside the restroom to maintain physical distancing of 6 feet
- Use paper towels in bathrooms, Hand driers should be taken off line.
- Recommend use of wearing face coverings in bathrooms, whenever possible
- Encourage teeth brushing in dorm rooms, if possible
- Prohibit the storage of personal items in shared bathrooms and showers

Questions
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