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SUBJECT: “Back to On-Campus Work,” Phase 3 Guide

As Boston University moves forward with the third phase of reopening, the health and safety of our community remains our first priority. The public health precautions that have been put in place require all of us to think and act very differently than how we did just one year ago. A clear explanation of those precautions can be found in the new [Back to On-Campus Work, Phase 3 guide](#).

The guide describes the University’s activation of on-campus testing for COVID-19 at sites on the Charles River Campus and the Medical Campus and the launch of [Healthway](#), a new web portal for your COVID-19 testing and tracing. Classrooms have been outfitted with technology to enable both in-person and remote learning. Seating in classrooms and other shared spaces has been carefully positioned to accommodate physical distancing, and HVAC systems have been modified to reduce the likelihood of COVID-19 transmission via aerosols. Also, parking on the Charles River Campus is now easier; faculty and staff can choose between a parking permit or a new [daily use program](#).

We look forward to welcoming faculty and staff back to campus. You can be sure that the University is carefully monitoring every step of our reopening and adjusting plans as needed based on guidance from public health experts, epidemiologists, and other scientists in the BU community and across the region. We’ll keep you informed of new developments via the [Back2BU website](#). We want to thank you, in advance, for observing the practices and protocols that protect the safety of our community. The success of this effort depends on all of us.