

USING PARTITIONS AND BARRIERS IN UNIVERSITY SPACES TO LIMIT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

The addition of temporary physical partitions and barriers may help reduce the spread of COVID-19 in instances where it is not possible to maintain physical distance between people and other criteria are present.

When possible, it's always best to first implement other effective actions such as maintaining physical distance, hand washing, wearing a mask, and avoiding contact with others when ill or potentially infectious.

Locations that may benefit from the addition of partitions include checkout counters and information desks. However, each area needs to be evaluated independently.



Review the statements below to see if a partition may be appropriate for spaces you manage. If you answer YES to ALL of the statements, a partition is appropriate for your workspace.



The work or other interaction, workstation, or area **cannot be modified** to maintain physical distance between individuals



The work or other interaction is **performed in a fixed location**



The direction of interaction between employees, students, customers, or members of the public at the location is **predictable and consistent**



The contact is **frequent or prolonged** (e.g. more than 10 different interactions per hour or interactions lasting more than 10 minutes)



The contact happens **indoors**



The employees, students, customers, or members of the public interacting **may not be wearing a mask and/or face shield**

Partitions can be requested through Facilities Management: 624-2900 / fmcc@umn.edu

Departments are responsible for the cost of the partition and will need to provide an EFS account to charge at the time the request is placed.