

2022 Session Recommendations

Hybrid- combination of in-person members, staff, public for member meetings and floor.

	Decision Points & Considerations
Vaccination & Testing Protocols	<p>Non-Floor Action Days: Proof of vaccination is required for members and Senate staff, with testing option.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccination status will be verified by the HRO, through a secure portal or examination of vaccine cards over Teams. The HRO will maintain a list of those who have shown proof of vaccination but will not maintain copies of vaccine cards. • Those who have not confirmed vaccination status must test on campus on certain days of the week (for example, Monday, Wednesday, or Friday depending on when the employee plans to present on campus) • Applies to members and employees. <p>Floor Action Days: On-site, daily testing will be required for all members and staff presenting to the floor.</p> <p>On-site testing will be provided through private contractor.</p>
COVID Protocols	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccine protocols outlined above. • Masks will continue to be required in all indoor Senate spaces unless alone in one's office. • Social distancing required as much as is practicable, required in meetings with the public. • Enhanced cleaning will continue.
Member Committee Participation	<p>All committee members remote for both committee hearings and executive sessions.</p>
Member Floor Participation	<p>All members in person during floor action.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a member tests positive, has COVID symptoms, or is required to quarantine according to [public health guidelines] and the Senate COVID guidelines and it is determined and verified by the HRO that they should not be on campus, a remote voting option will be allowed. However, members would not be able to participate in floor speeches, etc., remotely. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Exceptions to this policy can be approved by the Facilities and Operations committee in extraordinary circumstances, with at least half a days' notice to LegTech and rostrum staff to accommodate. • Electronic hopper will continue to be used. • Senate Emergency Rules should be reviewed. • Caucus: Non-floor days, caucus remote. Floor days, caucus in person (so long as vaccine & testing protocol is in place).
Public Participation	<p>During committees: No members of the public in person for remote committees.</p> <p>During floor action: Members of the public can observe floor action from the gallery.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of members of the public depends on public health protocols, can allow 12 members of the public on each side.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks and distancing required. <p>Public Access to Senate Office Buildings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members are encouraged to conduct meetings remotely. • Public attendees of in-office member meetings capped at 3 per meeting (exclusive of members and any staff who may be present). • Members of the public would present to security and check in, answer COVID screening questions, and check out at completion of meeting. This will address social distancing and contact tracing needs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Alternative meeting spaces (e.g., JAC ABC, building conference rooms) will be available for reservation by members based on social distancing guidelines for larger meetings. ○ Individual member offices may require additional safety protocols for meetings in their offices. • Contract with Private Security to assist Senate security with the management and flow of public in INB, JAC, and in/out of galleries.
Staffing for Floor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can accommodate an increased number of staff in wings. Staffing would need to be limited due to ventilation limitations, but can be increased from 2021 levels due to vaccination/testing protocols.
Staffing for Member Offices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remote work continues to be encouraged by Senate Administration. • LAs: Recommend providing the option to LAs to present to campus if desired, in accordance with vaccination/test protocol. However, some accommodations will need to be made for LAs who should not physically be on campus. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Members with two LAs can have both LAs present if desired. • SAs: Recommend remote work for all SAs, with exception to be approved by the Secretary if LA is not working in person. • Suspend Page program for 2022 • Interns: Remote work. • Session housing issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will become a concern if LAs and SAs are required to be in person. Less than half the housing options available currently (as of 10/18).
Staffing for Other Workgroups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remote work continues to be encouraged by Senate Administration. • Staff directors of SDC, SRC, and SCS may provide alternative staffing model to Senate HRO for approval. Must comply Senate's public health requirements, and accommodations will be made for those who should not present to campus.
Member Dining Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member dining room will provide boxed lunches. Sign-ups for those members who choose to work out of their Olympia offices will be provided at the beginning of the week. Meals will be delivered to member offices. • On Floor Action Days, boxed lunches will be prepared for all members [and designated staff]. • Member cafeteria will be open for use by members according to public health protocols through floor stairwells and private elevators.