The campus is unusually quiet for this time of year with no students playing frisbee on the Green or walking to and from the swim dock on these hot summer days. It will be great to welcome back about half of the undergraduate students in September! Be sure to read the announcement on Monday, June 29, of Dartmouth's academic plans for the full 2020-2021 academic year.

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Several of the survey questions relate to anticipated occupancy of a department’s space, such as hours of occupancy, maximum number of people in the space, and where there will be shared space/equipment with another department. Other questions relate to how the space will be used, such as whether there is a customer service area (in which case a plexiglass shield may be needed) and whether furniture should be reconfigured to accommodate 6-foot distancing.

Completed surveys will be sent to Campus Services for review and then on to the Provost/EVP for approval. Once approved, department managers will be notified, and Campus Services will set an implementation date for appropriate cleaning and initiate a work order to address any space changes.

It’s important to note that employees who can conduct their work from home will continue to work from home for the foreseeable future.

Collis Staff Help with TSA Screening

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- Class of 1953 Commons, north dining room; 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., daily
- Hopkins Center, 5:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekdays; enter through Hinman Mail Services
- Life Sciences Center, first floor gallery; 5:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekdays; use southwest entrance
- Dick’s House, foyer; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., weekdays; enter through Rope Ferry/Dewey lot

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This Week's Topping Off

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