

MIT Summer 2021:

Building on success and teamwork



- Uninterrupted in-person classes (>250), research, extracurricular learning, and recreation
- Safe working environment, including regular testing and ventilation analysis and updates, during pre-vaccine period of elevated infection prevalence in region
- As of today
 - Touchdown Spaces self-reserved on Atlas *spaces* app
 - Barker 24/7 reading room open on *spaces*
 - Hayden Library and 14 courtyard renovation complete
 - List Center open to MIT community on Covid Pass
 - Campus outdoors feels close to normal, with more Adirondack chairs and lighting
 - Thousands of people coming to MIT daily to work, including vibrant research community managing restricted room capacity while classes were ongoing and more students were in residence on campus

Thank you to all who worked so hard and patiently to keep MIT and your research going during AY20-21. This helped us plan to relax restrictions as soon as data and circumstances warrant.

Growing the campus footprint: Summer 2021 Institute operations, including research

What changes

- + Maximum personnel capacity in all spaces, including lab-based research and office-based research spaces, unrestricted.
- + Interpersonal distance unrestricted except for when eating/drinking, though CDC definition of close contacts for unvaccinated individuals remains the same: closer than six feet to an infected person for more than 15 minutes, regardless of masking.
- + Restroom and elevator capacity unrestricted by Covid-19 response signage
- + Eating indoors allowed, with following restrictions enforced only with signage: Spaced Small Groups of ~4@6' apart; groups 8 feet apart; 20 minute limit) everywhere indoors on campus
- + Entering MIT buildings at the many Access Points (doors marked by black dots on campus map) on MIT ID card-linked Covid Pass, but starting in summer 2021 your Covid Pass works at all the buildings you used to get into, when you used to get in to them. While not ALL the doors of all buildings are open or card accessible, this will feel much closer to your normal walking in and around campus buildings to meet each other, walk the Infinite Corridor, etc.
- + PSA: MIT parking rules return to registered, paid parkers in campus lots on 1 July 2021. All others make other commuting plans, and take advantage of MIT's many travel benefits (BlueBike, Charlie Card, Carpooling, etc.).



*And we already have ways for those who prefer/need to have more elbow room to do so, including moving furniture, shifting schedules, opening windows, taking outdoor breaks...and building ventilation is sufficient per current understanding and guidance and all the work MIT Facilities colleagues did over the past year to analyze and update if necessary.

Implementation date: Mon 7 June 2021

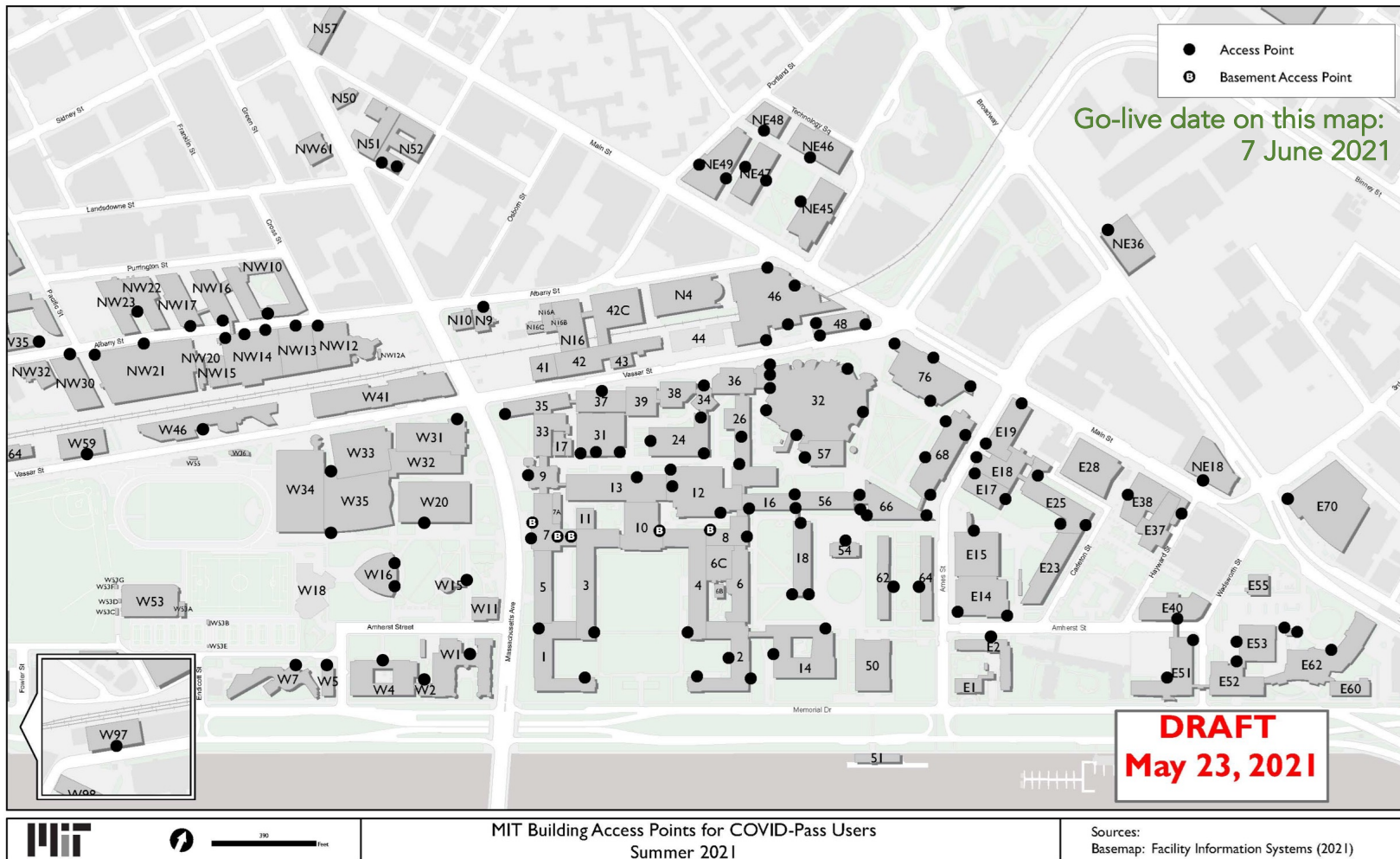
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- ✓ Enhanced cleaning of restrooms
- ✓ Eating outdoors encouraged and preferable, recommending small groups that are 8 feet apart
- ✓ Regular testing and health attestation, linked to Covid Pass
- ✓ CDC sets the definition of close contact for quarantine, not MIT. Individuals who are not fully vaccinated and who are in close contact (<six feet and >15 min) with someone who tests positive for Covid-19 will be considered a close contact during contact tracing, regardless of mask-wearing or not. Unvaccinated individuals should keep this in mind when working closer than six feet with others for any longer duration.
- ✓ Visitors, including non-MIT employees/appointees or students with non-MIT advisors, not yet invited. This is recommended starting position for summer, since MIT has several exception categories allowed and still has a current path for DLC-sponsored visitors to come to campus upon request. Our approach to using science and data to ramp up/down means we have to be patient on bringing in visitors when we don't have those data on %vaccinated, and we don't have an easy process to filter access for, for example, academic collaborators from international tourists. Tech infrastructure to enable easier processes for MIT individuals to invite and host non-MIT visitors on campus is a work in progress, and can be phased in by or before fall 2021 per future policy decisions.
- ✓ Face coverings worn indoors all the time, except for when eating/drinking or by yourself in a closed-door setting, regardless of your vaccination status. This is recommended starting position for summer, given low but rising% of vaccinated people in our community by early June and power dynamics among supervisors/others.

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Open questions:

- What is the indoor gathering limit in case we want to use our research space for an event? *150 current city limit. TBD for 7 June+*
- When and how will visitors including more research visitors be facilitated? *Infrastructure underway to make this as easy as possible for you to invite and host visitors. Pilots anticipated in summer.*
- When will mask requirement drop for vaccinated folks working indoors at MIT? *TBD over summer as vaccination% rises and infection prevalence remains low.*

