

PGSA June 9, 2020

We are registered: <https://boilerlink.purdue.edu/organization/physicsgrads>

COVID guidelines for Purdue available June 12

PUSH has tests

In order to help people in need with COVID, we want a Care Network.

Match volunteers with people who are sick or quarantined.

Website, app, or excel spread sheet to match.

Help with groceries or other things, (vague, but eg. Carpool, meal prep, or other services).

Find volunteers via survey and have phone numbers available.

Google form for those in need?

Incoming Graduate Students- need answers to what is happening with research and classes in the fall. Unfortunately, Physics is waiting for the University for some answers before giving a definite response. Some problems are with TAing and taking courses remotely. Grad courses may be in the lecture (most likely core courses). We will be opening in the fall, but with enrollment dropped or less people in classes, TA positions might be scarce. Consequences of deferment (stipend, tuition, etc.) are unsure. Will rediscuss after June 12<sup>th</sup>. Try to get an RA position to free up TA spots.

Housing Survey for incoming students.

Lab problems with outdated lab manuals, faulty equipment, and faculty who don't want to fix it. Would like a survey to see how bad the problem is and maybe an online form to fill out for TAs to report faulty equipment. Not much interaction with online labs or recitations. Might have to redesign some online labs for the fall.

Budget and activities- ~\$1700 left, probably can't do Grad Sem in person. Still could be helpful to get used to this format and can invite students from other universities. No in person events and since most of the money is spent on food, probably not spending much money this summer. Social events are most likely going to be virtual with pictionary and other games, maybe a movie night. Skype, Googlemeets, or other things instead of WebEx. Maybe graduate student Q&A.

Qual committee- Not sure about qualifying exam this fall. Get rid of qual and it becomes a diagnostic, but after the fall. COVID might have delayed it. Also unsure about whether the qual will be online or not. Need volunteers for a qualifying exam committee, give feedback on the qual. Abby, Ahmed, and a couple of others will be a part of it. We will ask what is happening in the fall.