

Response to Requests for Restroom Locks:

The Facilities Management Division has already installed locks on individual-use restrooms throughout campus. Requests for locks on multi-use restrooms in response to COVID-19 planning will generally not be implemented for the following reasons:

- Restricting multiple fixture restrooms to single use reduces the fixture availability in the building which could be a violation of plumbing code requirements.
- Limiting use to single user restricts the availability of hand washing facilities which are important to maintaining sanitation recommendations.
- Locking restroom doors at multi-user sites will cause queueing in hallways.
- Locking devices for restrooms that include ADA capable facilities cannot use slide-latch or thumb type occupancy sign mechanisms – they must meet ADA legal requirements.

Rather than modifying doors to limit restroom access, it is recommended that appropriate signage be posted to remind users to respect others and utilize physical distancing measures in these areas.

Requests for COVID-19 exceptions to this process can be referred to the Preventative Measures Advisory Board (PMAB@uga.edu).

Other exceptions can be referred to Ralph Johnson, Assoc. VP for Facilities Management, (rfj@uga.edu)

Thank You

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