



## **Improvements to the facility**

We have greatly improved our air handling:

A new damper system that enhances the flow of outside air has been installed. The dampers will be controlled by a programmable system that takes input from a humidity sensor, temperature sensor, and human input. This should optimize energy use and ensure adequate fresh air in our workspace.

Two GPS Ion Generators have been added to the current HVAC system. These devices ionically charge airborne particles and actively destroy harmful pathogens and allergens. The ionizers have been proven to inactivate COVID-19.

In the Puppy Room, the air supply grate has been moved from the hall to the center of the room. This will increase the supply of air into the area. The air grates have also been cleaned, and an additional vent has been added to improve air flow.

Other improvements and changes:

Hands free soap dispensers have been installed in the restrooms, and similar dispensers for hand sanitizer have been added throughout the building.

Common crating has been eliminated. Students are invited to bring their own crate or use the hooks that have been installed to tether their dog.

The floor has been marked with tape to help us visualize appropriate social distancing. Signs have been added to remind and guide students about best practice related to Covid-19.

Class size has been limited to allow for social distancing and to comply with regulations related to the size of indoor gatherings.

Cleaning products and procedures have been reviewed to be sure we are doing the best we can in the face of the pandemic.

## **Guidance for Returning Students**

First of all, Welcome back!

All classes are currently listed on the Club Calendar.

If you don't feel well, stay home.

If you have been exposed to Covid-19 you must stay home for 14 days.

Everyone must wear a face mask while in the building. Per updated CDC guidelines face shields are not a substitute for face masks. There are no exceptions, and this includes while running in class.

There will be no crates provided. You can bring your own crate or tether your dog using the hooks provided. No crates can be left in the building.

You are responsible for your personal equipment (leashes, etc.).

No guests or children are allowed - only students and registered dogs.

Students are expected to adhere to the recommended 6 foot social distancing practices that are in place throughout the State of Minnesota. The crating area has tape on the floor to help in visualizing how we can share the space safely.

Students must adhere to the scheduled class times - please don't arrive early or stay late.

If you help in setting up equipment or ring gates (Thank you!) please use the hand sanitizer that is available throughout the building.

Please wipe your chair and anything in your designated area that you might have touched with a disinfectant wipe before you leave.

Students will be required to sign a waiver specific to the pandemic before returning to class.

### **General Notes**

Please be aware that the pandemic presents us with an extreme challenge to provide a safe and productive environment for Club members. These rules will undoubtedly change as the situation related to the virus changes. We hope we can loosen restrictions as things progress, but it is also possible we will need to tighten up if the situation takes a turn for the worse.

**Remember:** There is nothing that SPDTC can do to *guarantee* that you do not become ill. You must make choices and take precautions to protect yourself.