Masks on Campus

Effective Date: May 28, 2021

Consistent with public health guidance, people who are fully vaccinated will not be required to wear a mask in most settings on campus. People who are not fully vaccinated will continue to be required to wear a mask in most settings. The specific requirements for masking are described in this policy. The University recognizes that some people who are fully vaccinated will continue to wear a mask and supports such a decision.

Definitions:

- **Fully Vaccinated.** A person is considered to be fully vaccinated two weeks after receiving the second dose of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine (*e.g.*, Moderna or Pfizer) or two weeks after receiving a dose a single dose COVID-19 vaccine (*e.g.*, Johnson & Johnson).

- **Not Fully Vaccinated.** A person is considered not to be fully vaccinated if:
  - They have not received any vaccine;
  - They have received only one dose of a two-dose vaccine; OR
  - It has been less than two weeks since receipt of the second dose of a two-dose vaccine or receipt of a single dose vaccine.

Policy:

- **Requirements for Fully Vaccinated People.** Students, faculty, staff, and visitors who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear masks indoors or outdoors, except as follows:
  - Masks must be worn when using public transportation such as planes, trains, or buses or when in airports, train or bus stations.
  - Masks must be worn indoors and outdoors if you experience symptoms of COVID-19 and until you receive a negative COVID-19 test result or, if positive, 10 days after symptom onset.
  - Masks may be required in the Student Health Center or in Sports Medicine.
  - Faculty members in classrooms or labs may require all students in the classroom or lab to continue to wear masks.

- **Requirements for People Not Fully Vaccinated.** Students, faculty, staff, and visitors who are not fully vaccinated must continue to wear masks that cover both the nose and mouth as follows:
  - Inside of University buildings and classrooms;
  - In outdoor settings where you are not or cannot maintain physical distance between you and others, especially when traversing busy walkways and corridors;
  - When working in workplaces and offices with open floor plans, but not in individual offices alone with the door closed; and
  - In all common areas of University residence halls, such as hallways, laundry rooms, and lounges, but, unless instructed otherwise, residents of campus housing
are not required to wear a mask while in their own room or apartment.

- **Standards for Masks**
  - A mask should:
    - fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face;
    - completely cover the nose and mouth; and
    - have two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric.
  - Neck gaiters and bandannas are not acceptable to be worn within campus buildings, unless they are covered by a second mask.
  - According to the CDC, do not choose a face covering:
    - made of fabric that makes it hard to breathe (for example, vinyl); or
    - with exhalation valves or vents, which allow virus particles to escape.
  - For more information on how to properly use face coverings, see our tips on how to wear a face covering.

- **Exemptions.** The requirement to wear a mask does not apply to the following situations:
  - While eating or drinking;
  - While exercising outdoors with appropriate physical distance;
  - When seeking to communicate with the hearing impaired and for which the mouth needs to be visible;
  - When temporary removal of the mask is necessary to secure medical services; or
  - When experiencing a health condition that precludes wearing a mask.