

*****NMC UPDATE 6/1/2021—RE: MASKING ON CAMPUS*****

Good afternoon NMC—

I'm pleased to announce some changes to campus masking protocol effective immediately. Please review the attached masking protocol and see an outlined version below:

1. Masks are required in campus public/common spaces (Clark Lobby & Dining, Student Engagement Center, student housing laundry, elevators, etc.).
2. Fully vaccinated NMC employees and students may gather in non-public areas (offices, classrooms, or study rooms and conduct meetings, class, or studying without masks as long as:
 - The number of people present is 10 or fewer.
 - AND**
 - Everyone in the room is fully vaccinated.
3. If an unvaccinated employee or student is in attendance, everyone must wear a mask and unvaccinated individuals should physically distance from others.
4. All NMC employees and students, regardless of vaccination status, should continue to wear eye protection and procedural masks in public health care settings, labs, simulations, clinical or fieldwork.

Don't wait to Vaccinate! A person is considered fully vaccinated 2 weeks after the last dose of Covid-19 vaccine. Visit www.vaccines.gov to find a Covid-19 vaccine clinic near you, then call or visit their website to make an appointment. Everyone 12 years of age and older is now recommended to get a Covid-19 vaccination.

Get a Covid-19 vaccination as soon as you can—it has its privileges! NMC is planning to be back to in person for classroom, lab and student activities for the fall semester. Widespread vaccination of our campus population is key to NMC resuming normal academic, clinical and student service operations this upcoming fall semester!

Students please report your vaccination records to Campus Health through [CastleBranch](#). Upon receiving records that a student is fully vaccinated, Campus Health will provide you a Covid-19 Vaccination Sticker for your student id badge. Many clinical sites are already requiring students to be fully vaccinated prior to starting their clinical experience, so please don't delay!

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SUBJECT:	Masking Protocol
REVIEWED/REVISED:	7/2020; 9/2020; 5/2021
PURPOSE:	To communicate College masking protocols during COVID-19 pandemic.
POLICY OWNER:	President & CEO

CDC Masking Guidance:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced new masking guidelines for the public on May 13, 2021. The announcement from the CDC states:

“Fully vaccinated people can resume activities without wearing a masks or physically distancing except where required by federal, state, local, tribal or territorial laws, rules and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.”

People are considered fully vaccinated 2 weeks after their second dose in a two-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson’s vaccine.

NMC employees and students should note that this guidance does **NOT** apply to health care settings.

What This Means for Nebraska Methodist College:

- All NMC employees and students, regardless of vaccination status, should continue to wear eye protection and procedural masks for source control while in public health care settings, labs, simulations, clinical or fieldwork due to the close proximity necessary between patients, students and/or instructors for learning and skills development.
- NMC employees and students in nonclinical settings may work or study on campus in work/office/study room spaces without masks. However, masks should be applied before entering public/common spaces such as Clark Lobby and Dining, Student Engagement Center, student housing laundry areas, elevators, etc.
- Faculty may remove their face covering while delivering in class instruction.
- Fully vaccinated employees and students may gather and conduct in-person class, meetings, studying and student groups activities in classrooms, study rooms or meeting rooms without masks as long as:
 1. The number of employees and students present is 10 or less
AND
 2. Everyone in the room has been fully vaccinated. If unvaccinated people are present, everyone should wear a mask and unvaccinated individuals should physically distance from others.