

**\*\*\*NMC UPDATE 5/14/2021—RE: MASKING ON CAMPUS\*\*\***

Good afternoon NMC—

Yesterday, the CDC provided new guidance regarding masking that stated **if you are fully vaccinated**, you do not need to wear a mask indoors or outdoors.

This is fantastic and long awaited news! However, at this time, **NMC's masking policy remains effective for all campus areas**. NMC policy states that a mask must be worn while in all campus areas unless eating, drinking, in an outside area, in an office/study room alone or delivering in class instruction. CDC guidance still calls for wearing masks in crowded indoor settings like public transportation, planes, hospitals and healthcare settings, etc.

*"Get vaccinated—or wear a mask until you do."* These were the remarks from President Biden after the CDC's announcement. A person is considered fully vaccinated 2 weeks after the last dose of Covid-19 vaccine. Visit [www.vaccines.gov](http://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! Employees please report your vaccination to Employee Health if you received your vaccination outside a Methodist vaccination clinic. Students please report your vaccination to Campus Health through [CastleBranch](#).

NMC is currently reviewing our masking and other Covid-19 policies and will make additional announcements as appropriate about what this may mean 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!

Have a great weekend,

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