

SUBJECT:	Campus Masking Guidelines
REVIEWED/REVISED:	7/2020; 9/2020; 5/2021; 8/2021; 1/2022; 3/10/2022
PURPOSE:	To communicate College masking protocols during COVID-19 pandemic.
POLICY OWNER:	President & CEO

With recent changes in the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) COVID-19 guidelines and decline in the [COVID-19 Community Level](#) for Omaha and surrounding counties from high to medium, Nebraska Methodist College will no longer require students, employees or visitors to wear masks inside campus buildings, effective immediately.

While masks are no longer required, we do encourage that masks continue to be worn indoors, especially if social distancing cannot be maintained. The pandemic continues to be a fluid situation and we will update policies as appropriate for the safety and health of our campus community.

This does not change the CDC's masking requirements if you are in quarantine/isolation due to testing positive or exposure to COVID-19. If you are exposed to someone who tests positive for COVID-19 and you have received your COVID-19 booster, per CDC guidelines you will not be required to quarantine as long as you are not symptomatic, only to self-monitor for symptoms and wear your mask for 10 days.

Please note, faculty or staff may require students to wear a mask in the classrooms or in personal office space. Labs will continue to follow health and safety requirements as required by faculty and/or in the syllabi. Methodist Health System and other clinical and fieldwork sites may also require you to wear mask and social distance. Please refer and adhere to the site-specific policies. Masks are required in the Campus Health clinic.

Masks help prevent the spread of many illnesses beyond COVID-19, including influenza and the common cold. If you are ill with COVID-19 symptoms, or have a COVID-19 exposure, please contact Campus Health (students) or Employee Health (employees) before coming to campus.