

Revised May 17, 2021 Based on New Guidance

Healthy @ MSU Summer Guidelines

Late last week the Center for Disease Control (CDC) issued new guidance on the use of face masks among those individuals who have been vaccinated for Covid. Likewise, the State of Kentucky also modified its guidance for those who are vaccinated.

With this recent national guidance we are opting to use a phased-in approach to lifting our mask requirements on campus. We are asking for mask use a little longer among all individuals because we have campus participants who are both vaccinated and also unvaccinated, and it would be difficult to ascertain between the two. Likewise, we also have a number of summer camps arriving soon with individuals from around the state.

General Guidelines:

- From today until **June 1**, we are asking all individuals regardless of vaccination status to continue to wear masks indoors when around others. However, if you are in an individual office, residence hall room, or working in an isolated area where no other people are present, you may remove it.
- If each of us can reasonably continue to wear masks indoors until **June 1** it will allow time for other individuals who have not received a vaccination ample time to consult with their medical provider, and then based on that advice potentially obtain a vaccination.
- Many of our summer classes are online, however, a few are in-person and meeting indoors with a variety of close proximity arrangements in some laboratories/studios and other settings, therefore a June 1 date for continued mask usage will help provide a few more weeks of assurance for all. To the degree that class instructors can, you may also consider having classes outside if the weather is nice.
- Our campus will discontinue taking temperatures. Thank you to a number of our units who were very diligent and did a great job on this. We will also discontinue reporting the number of campus Covid cases online.
- In-state University-supported travel is allowable through normal channels. Out-of-state domestic travel is allowable after June 1 through normal channels. International travel is paused until January 15, 2022.
- Per guidance from the Kentucky Department of Public Health, MSU will require 3 feet of distance between persons from unrelated households for indoor settings where the audience is seated and stationary. We will follow this 3 ft. guidance into the summer.
- MSU has set **June 1** as the date for all employees to return and resume working on campus.

We are likely to receive additional guidance over the next few weeks and will communicate what June 1 onward will look like closer to that time.

Campus Facility Guidelines: May 10 – August 1, 2021 (Summer Months)

For the overall protection of the campus community during the COVID-19 pandemic, campus facilities have been closely monitored. University facility usage will increase in stages as the

health environment continues to improve, and as public health recommendations, space, and staffing allow.

University facilities this summer are available for:

- University business for MSU classes and MSU department meetings;
- Use by registered/affiliated student organizations for meetings; and
- Use by official University contractors involved with conducting applicable business/meetings, not simply sponsorship.

Groups noted above should have 40 individuals or less if in an indoor concentrated area, and should adhere to 3 feet social distancing.

University SOAR events, formal academic orientations for entry to programs, and other MSU admission activities are permissible with appropriate plans. Please contact your Vice President for discussion with them.

Applicable summer/groups outlined above may petition the Vice President for Student Affairs and President to host a larger group in ADUC/Button Auditorium/AAC for the purposes of formal orientation(s), business, etc. with an approved outline of precautions. Large groups may need to have an expanded staff present, be less than the approved capacity of an area, and make appropriate announcements upon beginning the program. Large groups should have a protocol plan in place and approved by the appropriate University Vice President before the event.

Many thanks,

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President