

Reminder: EMU face mask policies remain in place

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To students, faculty and staff:

We are pleased that the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the State of Michigan are relaxing outdoor face mask policies for all individuals and indoor face mask policies for individuals who have received a COVID-19 vaccine. At this time, however, EMU's face mask policies remain unchanged.

Everyone on campus is required to wear a face mask that covers both the nose and mouth in or on all University buildings and grounds, both indoors and outdoors. Individuals need not wear a face mask when they are alone in a private office with the door closed, living space, or other isolated space. You can read EMU's face mask policy for [students here](#) and the policy for [employees here](#).

The University is reviewing its policy regarding outdoor face masks and expects to update that policy in the coming weeks.

The recent government guidance loosening restrictions for indoor face masks applies to individuals who are vaccinated, but that can be difficult to administer. The University therefore expects to continue to require face masks indoors for much of the summer. We also know that face masks are highly effective at reducing the spread of COVID-19 and other infectious diseases.

We encourage you to continue to have a face mask accessible even when you are off campus because many businesses will continue to require face masks indoors.