

Updated policy regarding wearing of face masks

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To students, faculty and staff:

The University has updated its face mask policy. Individuals in gatherings of less than 100 people are no longer required to wear face masks in outdoor settings on campus or other University properties. This updated policy aligns with recent guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the State of Michigan.

It may be necessary in a few specific functional areas to continue to wear a mask while outside due to public health and safety risks for exposure. In those situations, you will be specifically informed of the need to wear a mask.

EMU's indoor face mask policies remain unchanged. As a reminder, **everyone on campus is required to wear a face mask that covers both the nose and mouth while indoors on campus or other University properties.** Individuals need not wear a face mask when they are alone in a private office with the door closed, living space, private motor vehicle, or other isolated space. Masks are also not required when swimming or where removal is necessary for physical examination of the mouth, nose, or throat.

You may review the updated face mask policy for employees [here](#) and the updated face mask policy for students [here](#).

We encourage you to continue to have a face mask accessible even when you are off campus. As a reminder, the CDC still recommends that everyone wear masks when they are in healthcare settings, when traveling on public transportation, or where a business chooses to require masks. It is important to always have a face mask available.

We will continue to review and update you about the University's various COVID-19 mitigation measures and policies based on evolving guidance from federal and state government agencies and as vaccination rates continue to increase.

Please contact [University_Communications](#) if you have any questions.