

UW-Whitewater

Face Covering and Vaccination FAQs

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Q – What is meant by a classroom/instructional space, and when do I have to put a mask on?

For the Chancellor's Order, a classroom/instructional space can be assumed when academically based instruction or associated required activities are taking place.

As an example, if English 101 took place in Hyer 211, you would not be required to wear a mask in the hallways, stairwells, or bathrooms while going to or from class. You would be required to wear a mask as soon as you enter Hyer 211 and should not remove it until you left the room.

People participating in non-academic programs, meetings, or events utilizing classroom spaces are NOT required to mask. These may include, but are not limited to, student clubs, shared governance meetings, speakers, and artistic performances.

Q – Can I continue wearing a mask if I prefer?

Yes. All faculty, staff, and students are welcome and encouraged to wear or not wear face coverings — whatever is most comfortable for them individually. We expect all Warhawks to be respectful of individual choices.

Q – Will COVID-19 protective supplies continue to be available?

Yes. Disposable masks, sanitizer, and other supplies currently stationed throughout the campus will remain available for use through the semester.

N95 and KN95 masks are also available at no cost to individuals at University Health and Counseling Services and the University Police Department.

Q – May individual departments require masks in their department suites/open spaces?

No. The chancellor's decision to remove the requirement to wear face coverings applies to all campus buildings, conference rooms, and shared spaces except those outlined in the order.

Q – May faculty/staff require masks in their individual, private offices?

Yes. Faculty/staff who choose to require masks in their individual, private offices should proactively communicate the need to wear a face covering to those they are scheduling in-person meetings with. If an individual doesn't wish to wear a mask, other meeting arrangements will have to be made, such as virtual or meeting in a larger space.

Q – If I continue to see faculty, staff, or students wearing face coverings, should I ask them why they are wearing a mask or inform them that the requirement to wear face coverings has expired?

No. It is not appropriate to ask why someone is or is not wearing a mask. Recognizing that we may not know others' feelings about COVID-19, health concerns, and other personal matters, we ask that all members of our campus community continue to be respectful of others and the protective practices they choose to use.

Q – I have a health condition (or a member of my household has a health condition) that puts me (them) at greater risk of serious illness if I (they) contract COVID-19. I'm not comfortable being around unmasked people. What can I do?

If you have specific concerns related to a health condition, please talk to Human Resources if you are an employee or the Center for Students with Disabilities if you are a student.

The following are not eligible for reasonable accommodations under ADA or FMLA:

- Preference to limit in-person contact
- Age without an underlying medical serious health condition or disability
- General preference to teach or attend remotely

Q – I am not comfortable working on campus without a face covering requirement. May I choose to telecommute?

Telecommuting is approved on a case-by-case basis consistent with the [University Telecommuting Policy](#). Individuals should consult with their supervisor, dean, or director on work environment options.

Q – How may I become vaccinated?

To find a vaccination provider near you, visit <https://www.vaccines.gov/>.

Q – How can I document that I am vaccinated?

The appropriate documentation can be found on [Warhawks Are Back](#).

Q – Will my supervisor be informed of my vaccination status?

No.

Q – As a supervisor, may I ask the employees who report to me if they are vaccinated?

No.

Q – Will I have to wear a mask after spring break?

The current Chancellor's Order will no longer be in place as of March 19, 2022. UW-Whitewater's Emergency Operations Committee will make a recommendation to the Chancellor's Cabinet by March 18, 2022, regarding ongoing COVID-19 mitigations.

The Emergency Operations Committee will continue to review data and recommendations with public health partners over the next three weeks to determine if further changes to campus policies are appropriate.