

On behalf of Kelly Long, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Affairs, and the Undergraduate Teaching and Continuity Recovery Team

Subject: Update on FA21 Mask Accommodations

Dear Colleagues:

We hope your first week of the semester is off to a good start for your leadership, faculty, staff and students. We know this is a time of adapting to a lot of change for your colleges: a new academic year, public health mandates, and facilitating the return to full-capacity classrooms and shared learning spaces. We want to provide you with clarification on the **mask mandate** in classrooms and learning spaces, since there have been some questions emerging about mask accommodations for this semester.

Mask Mandate

No one may be inside a CSU building or other indoor space on campuses without a face covering; this includes classrooms. Other mask mandate/face covering requirements include:

- All students, faculty and staff are required to wear masks in a manner that covers both the nose and mouth. Masks with vents or holes are not permitted. Individuals who cannot wear a mask due to documented medical reasons may seek an accommodation.
- Mask accommodations: [Students through the Student Disability Center](#) and [employees through the Office of Equal Opportunity](#) can seek a face covering accommodation for options to a standard face mask (e.g., a face shield with a draped covering). Again, such requests are granted to individuals with documented medical reasons that prevent them from wearing a standard mask.
- The Pandemic Preparedness Team has prepared this extensive list of FAQs for students, faculty and staff regarding face coverings and other public health guidance at: <https://covid.colostate.edu/kb/fall-2021-frequently-asked-questions/>

Please share this information with your Department Chairs/Heads and faculty.

Enjoy your first weekend of the semester coming up and the wonderful Colorado weather!

Sincerely,

Kelly Long
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