

Email Subject: Mask/Face Coverings Requirements
From: Chancellor Peggy Doss
To: Netlist; Student List
Sent Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 5:00 PM



Dear UAM community,

We continue to be concerned about protecting the health and safety of faculty, students and staff in light of the surge in the Covid-19 Delta Variant.

On August 11, the University of Arkansas System Board of Trustees approved a resolution directing each campus, division and unit to implement face covering policies for students, faculty, staff and guests, regardless of vaccination status, in indoor public settings where physical distancing cannot be assured in accordance with CDC guidance regarding the COVID-19 Delta variant.

- Effective immediately, UAM employees, students and visitors are required to wear mask/face coverings at all times in indoor settings where physical distancing is not possible.
- Vaccinations are strongly recommended for all members of the UAM community to provide the fullest protection against the Covid-19. UAM will continue to offer vaccination clinics for all employees and students. Individuals may be vaccinated at any time by contacting the UAM Health Center for assistance and guidance.

- Disinfectants will be made available in all buildings and hand sanitizing stands are in place at building entrances. The UAM custodial staff will continue to frequently sanitize all building spaces.

More information about the Delta variant and CDC recommendations are available at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

We will continue to update you with additional guidance and information regarding health guidelines and legal developments.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support as we continue to strive to keep Weevil Nation safe and healthy.

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Attachment below.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas has continued to monitor the impact of COVID-19 in Arkansas and to adhere to public health guidelines and directives from the state and federal governments; and

WHEREAS, having prepared for a full return to in-person activities, including face-to-face instruction, health education clinical rotations and regular athletic events, among others, for the 2021-22 academic year, UA System institutions are now facing a rapid rise in COVID-19 case counts and hospitalizations in their communities due to the highly infectious COVID-19 Delta variant; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has recommended that, based on the spread of the Delta variant, communities with high transmission of COVID-19 should require individuals, regardless of vaccination status, to wear face coverings in indoor public settings; and

WHEREAS, the Board passed a resolution in May 2020 directing UA System institutions to adopt policies requiring face coverings in university facilities when physical distancing cannot be assured, and that such policies remain in effect as long as the use of face coverings is recommended by the CDC;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT, consistent with its previous action, the Board directs each campus, division and unit to implement face covering policies for students, faculty, staff and guests, regardless of vaccination status, in indoor public settings where physical distancing cannot be assured in accordance with CDC guidance regarding the COVID-19 Delta variant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the policies include reasonable exceptions for certain settings and activities that follow guidance established by public health agencies and/or by external governing bodies such as athletics conferences and the NCAA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT such policies remain in effect as long as the use of face coverings continues to be recommended by the CDC and that the policies may be adjusted in accordance with future public health guidance.