

Dear Students, Staff, and Faculty,

Last week the President's mask mandate for the fall semester expired. As we look ahead, we continue to work towards creating as normal a living and learning environment as possible. Lifting the mask mandate is part of this effort. You all deserve tremendous credit for your hard work in remaining safe and healthy, which has made it possible for the mandate to expire.

Still, we must remain vigilant and continue to minimize the impact of COVID-19 on our community. To that end, there will be times when masks are appropriate and may be required. Currently, the following individuals (or their designees) may require masks be worn:

- The President, Dr. Michele Perkins
- The Director of Athletics, David Decew
- The Senior Vice-President and CFO, Dr. Paula Amato
- The Provost, Dr. Wayne Lesperance
- Individual faculty in courses they teach

Individual staff and faculty within the confines of their offices or workspaces

In the event masks are required, community members will be given notice and provided every opportunity to bring a mask to the event or class.

The College continues to monitor COVID infection rates on our campuses and in our community. Should circumstances require, the College will take the necessary measures to keep our community safe and healthy.

One last note – it is likely you will continue to see individuals wearing masks on campus. Their reasons vary. For example, anyone who is not fully vaccinated continues to be required to wear masks at all times. Individuals who have had close contact with a positive case must wear masks. And, many of our community members will continue to wear their masks as part of their personal commitment to safety. Whatever the reason, masks will be part of our community for some time whether required or a personal choice. Please support these individuals! We continue to recommend and encourage all members to wear masks whenever possible. Masks, washing your hands, social distancing, and vaccinations remain the most effective ways to limit the spread of COVID-19. We all have a role to play.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.
Stay healthy! Stay safe!

All the best,

Dr. Wayne F. Lesperance, Jr.
Provost