

Dear Northwestern Family,

This fall, every member of the UNOH community must share responsibility for taking all necessary steps to minimize the risk of COVID-19 infections on campus. Responsibilities include following all state, local, and University policies and recommendations to maintain a healthy campus. Because guidance from Allen County Public Health, Ohio Department of Health (ODH), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) may change as conditions of the pandemic change, University policies may change as well. University administration will continue to review such guidance and communicate any changes to policies or procedures as necessary.

The following list outlines the current UNOH policies for the fall terms:

- Face coverings are not required, but students, faculty, and staff are strongly advised to wear a face covering inside any university building if they have not been fully vaccinated for COVID-19 in order to protect themselves and those around them. The University fully supports the use of face masks for anyone who feels they want to wear one and masks will continue to be available at campus front desks for students or staff members who request one.
- Vaccinations are strongly encouraged for all faculty, students and staff. Although strongly recommended, vaccines will not be required.
- If you are identified as a trace contact of a person who tested positive for COVID-19, and you are fully vaccinated, you are exempt from quarantine protocols. Proof of vaccination will be required in order to be exempt.
- The University will be periodically surveying students and staff asking you to voluntarily disclose if you have been vaccinated so we can report our vaccination percentage to Allen County Public Health.
- Physical distancing in classrooms, campus buildings, and at campus events will not be required.
- Capacity limits for classrooms and other campus facilities, as well as events that were reduced or cancelled as a result of COVID-19 protocols will no longer be in effect.
- If the current state of the COVID-19 pandemic worsens, or if there is an outbreak of positive cases on the UNOH campus, we will begin to enforce additional COVID-19 mitigation protocols that may include wearing masks in all campus buildings, limiting capacity in classrooms and campus events, closing campus to visitors, and transitioning to virtual learning platforms until the virus trends return to normal.

We recognize that no university, nor any other organization, can guarantee an environment free of COVID-19, and we expect everyone associated with UNOH to understand that there is a risk of contracting the virus here or anywhere. Nonetheless, our highest priority is the health, safety and well-being of every member of the Northwestern community.

Information about polices related to COVID-19 and UNOH such as Student Guidelines, Quarantine & Isolation procedures, Campus Life, and Athletics can be found at [www.unoh.edu/coronavirus](http://www.unoh.edu/coronavirus).

Sincerely,

**UNOH Administration**