



Dear UNOH Family,

Since the beginning of the pandemic, University administration has closely followed all guidance and mandates handed down by the Ohio Department of Health, Ohio Governor's Office, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Closely following these recommendations and protocols has allowed our campus to contain cases and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 on our campus and within our university community. We want to thank all of you for helping with these efforts.

Due to updated guidance, and with the widespread availability of COVID-19 vaccines, the time has come for an update to our masking requirements on campus. **The following changes are in effect beginning June 9, 2021.**

- Face Coverings or masks are no longer required for individuals who are fully vaccinated. This applies to both indoor and outdoor environments on campus. Masks are still strongly recommended for people who are unvaccinated.

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.

Mitigation efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19 remain in effect at UNOH including distancing within classrooms and labs, frequent disinfection and hand washing, providing sanitizing stations all over campus, using barriers and shields as needed, and keeping group meetings to 30 people or less.

COVID-19 case counts have dropped drastically on campus since March, and UNOH has not experienced any new cases or quarantines in more than two weeks. UNOH administration will continue to monitor the situation on campus and offer bi-weekly testing throughout the summer months.

UNOH administration is basing these decisions on public health guidance, in partnership with state and local health agencies. The health and safety of our university community remains our top priority as we hope for a return to normal in the 2021-2022 academic year.

For up-to-date information about COVID-19 protocols at the University of Northwestern Ohio, visit: [www.unoh.edu/coronavirus](http://www.unoh.edu/coronavirus)

Sincerely,

UNOH Administration

