

Use of Face Coverings/Masks (updated 8/17/2021)

INTRODUCTION

In light of the rapidly spreading Delta variant of COVID-19, the Mayville State COVID-19 New Normal Taskforce and President's Cabinet have been monitoring the evolving COVID-19 situation. Effective August 18, 2021, Mayville State University recommends the proper use of a mask/face covering indoors when social distancing cannot be maintained for both vaccinated and unvaccinated people. Employees and students should carry a mask/face covering with them at all times and be prepared to wear it if desired/needed. This procedure is subject to change at any time.

POLICY

Effective August 18, 2021, masks/face coverings are OPTIONAL, but encouraged indoors when social distancing cannot be maintained for both vaccinated and unvaccinated people.

PRACTICE

The following guidelines have been established in consideration of mask/face covering use on campus and are subject to change at any time:

1. Mayville State will continue to make masks, hand sanitizer, and other reasonable forms of PPE available to students, employees, and guests of the University.
2. MSU recommends the proper use of a mask/face covering indoors when social distancing cannot be maintained for both vaccinated and unvaccinated people.
3. Employees and students should always carry a mask with them and be prepared to wear it if desired/needed. This procedure is subject to change at any time.
4. Updated/appropriate related signage will be posted across campus prior to classes beginning at 4 p.m. on Monday, August 23.
5. All individuals should be comfortable wearing face coverings if they choose.
6. Faculty may require face coverings in specific learning spaces.
7. Employees may require face coverings in offices or workspaces. Signage reflective of this practice is available for use if desired.
8. Face covering expectations should be placed in the course syllabus if required within an on-campus class. Faculty are encouraged to use the syllabus statement provided by Academic Affairs should masks be required in their classroom, office, or other meeting spaces.
9. Face covering requirements should not be based on vaccination status.
10. All Mayville State faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to monitor their own health, continue to wash their hands, and stay home if feeling ill, and contact the Campus Health Nurse for health-related guidance as needed at (701)788-4865 (O) or (701)425-6648 (C).
11. The Mayville State University Child Development Program (CDP) is bound by federal regulations for childcare facilities due to Headstart Guidelines. CDP mask and face covering policies may differ from that of the University at large. For more information, please consult the [Mayville State Child Development Program COVID-19 Health and Safety Plan](#).
12. Mayville State University reserves the right to modify this policy should there be a major change in COVID-19 cases in the county, state, or region. This includes, but is not limited to, fully reinstating the face covering/mask mandate throughout University property.
13. Concerns with campus COVID-19 mitigation practices should be reported through the [Non-Compliance with COVID Mitigation Protocols](#) form.