

August 10, 2021

**To: UCSB Building Committees, Deans, Department Chairs**

**RE: Revised campus guidelines for COVID-19 response**

Dear Colleagues,

This memo is a follow-up to the Chancellor's announcement on August 1 that masking is required indoors in all campus facilities. It describes how building committees and departments can best adopt this policy and also sustain ongoing COVID-19 mitigation measures.

### **Where are masks required?**

The UCSB mandate does not distinguish "shared" or "public" spaces from other locations. All indoor spaces on campus should be assumed to be subject to the masking requirement. The requirement does not apply to individual residences in campus housing or in dining halls while eating.

### **Who does the mandate apply to?**

Faculty, staff, students and adult visitors, whether vaccinated or not.

### **Masking exceptions**

Persons working alone in a private space, such as an office, lab or studio in which there is neither shared ventilation nor sequential use by different occupants do not need to wear a face mask. Otherwise, universal masking precautions should continue by everyone.

### **What masks are acceptable?**

Follow the guidelines of the CDC. Cloth masks, including "gaiters" should have two or more layers.

### **Undergraduate Researchers**

All students coming onto campus are still required to complete the Daily Screening survey. Students who have not been verified as fully vaccinated are also required to complete a weekly COVID-19 test. Supervisors will be notified of non-compliant students.

### **Role of Building Committees**

Building committees should continue to maintain a list of authorized building occupants and their contact information: phone, email and perm numbers (for students). They are not expected to perform location tracking of occupants. The campus worksite safety plan (WSSP) is being revised to incorporate the masking requirement. Facilities Management will revise building signage.

As always, we remain vigilant for changing conditions that might warrant any modifications to our strategies for minimizing risk while maintaining a productive research environment.

Sincerely,



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