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Iowa State University COVID-19 Face Covering Policy

Policy Statement – May 19-20, 2021

Cloth Face Coverings for Vaccinated Individuals

Effective May 19, 2021, and based upon [new guidance from the CDC](#), individuals who have been fully vaccinated for COVID-19 (as defined by the CDC) are not generally required to wear cloth face coverings on university property.

On campus, face coverings for vaccinated individuals are not required. However, this policy allows for flexibility in the following circumstances:

- Face coverings may be required in learning spaces or research laboratories as determined by individual faculty members.
- Faculty and staff in their individual enclosed smaller offices can require face coverings for themselves and visitors.
- Face coverings continue to be required in healthcare settings.

Faculty and staff who are concerned about risk in other shared or combined workspaces are encouraged to wear a face covering themselves but cannot require others to wear a face covering in most instances. Vaccinated individuals may voluntarily wear cloth face coverings as desired.

Pursuant to [federal Executive Order](#), face coverings are required when using public transportation such as CyRide. When not on university property, all campus community members are encouraged to comply with federal, state, and local ordinances as well as individual business requirements.

Questions regarding other exceptions to this policy should be directed to covid-19@iastate.edu.

Cloth Face Coverings for Individuals Not Vaccinated for COVID-19

Individuals who have not been fully vaccinated for COVID-19 should continue to wear face coverings as outlined in the [Iowa State University COVID-19 Face Covering Policy effective July 1, 2020](#).

Individuals who have not been vaccinated are strongly encouraged to consult with their health care provider and be vaccinated as appropriate for their personal situation.

Face coverings should not be a source of conflict or division on our campus. University employees should not request verification of vaccination status from any faculty, staff, student or visitor regardless of whether the individual is or is not wearing a cloth face covering.

This policy will be reviewed/updated prior to fall semester.