



MASK MANDATE LIFTED AT WHEELING UNIVERSITY for remainder of Spring Semester 2022

Wheeling University announces adjustments made to its COVID-19 protocols for the remainder of the Spring semester. Throughout the COVID pandemic, we have worked closely with health officials in our county and state, as their guidance has changed, so too has our protocols. In adherence to those updated guidelines from health officials, masks are no longer required to be worn on the Wheeling University campus, effective immediately. The campus community has done a phenomenal job working together to keep ourselves and each other healthy and safe through the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic for all of our campus-based students, faculty, and staff. The extra measures we all have taken have enabled us to hold classes, athletic events, and other activities without interruption this academic year. We have also enjoyed traditional dining, residence life, social, and study behaviors without evidence of virus spread or illness on campus. Wheeling University remains grateful for our campus community's collective effort. The decision to lift the mask mandate is yet another step toward a more normal experience on campus, and it follows the lifting of social distancing and on-campus gathering restrictions in late August.

We strongly recommend that our students and employees be vaccinated as these restrictions are lifted. We also recommend that those who are not vaccinated or are experiencing symptoms of any illness continue to wear a mask and maintain their distance, but we will not require it.

In adherence to the updated guidelines from health officials, Wheeling University advises that masking now remains optional in university buildings. However, we ask that we all show respect for our classmates and colleagues who might still prefer to wear masks for any reason. We encourage you to carry a mask with you in case they request you to wear it around them. This is not required per the updated policy but is aligned with our standards of respecting others and supporting the well-being of all.

If there are any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Office of Student Services at 304-243-2350