



To: USG Community
From: USG Health and Safety Committee
RE: Updated Face Mask Protocols - Effective 3/9/22
Date: March 7, 2022

There have been several changes to COVID-19 infection mitigation guidance and measures over the past week, including revised risk levels from the CDC that now place Montgomery County in a “low” risk category. In light of rapidly decreasing COVID-19 cases and revised CDC guidance, several of USG’s university partners have also announced changes in their COVID-19 policies, with many relaxing mask mandates.

USG is announcing the following changes to indoor mask requirements:

Effective Wednesday, March 9, 2022, we will lift the indoor mask mandate on the USG campus for all faculty, staff, students and visitors, with a couple of notable exceptions:

- KN95 masks will continue to be required in all classroom settings, including shared laboratory spaces and other instructional spaces. This measure remains in place out of an abundance of caution, given the increased density over a prolonged period of time in many instructional settings. Instructors may continue to remove their masks while teaching, provided they maintain 6 feet distance from others.
- Masks will continue to be required in all patient care areas, including the COVID-19 testing clinics and the UM School Of Dentistry Patient Care Facility.

Individuals may continue to wear masks as they choose, depending on their own risk levels. We ask everyone in our community to be respectful of those who choose to do so. Thank you for your cooperation as we continue to navigate this pandemic together.