

2024-2025 COVID-19 and Classroom Instruction: Off-Campus Centers

The following policies are intended to guide instructional practices for the 2024-2025 academic year so that they are conducted as safely as possible while still allowing for meaningful face-to-face instruction. All instructors and students are expected to comply with these protocols. Please note that these policies are subject to change based on national, state, and local guidelines and the state of the pandemic.

Masks

All students and instructors have the option to wear masks while going to class, transitioning between classes, and during face-to-face instruction. Regardless of virus transmission levels, some courses may require all students to mask due to the health needs of one or more people in the classroom. The instructor will notify students of any adjustments to the standard masking policy.

If the masking policy presents a health or related challenge to a student, then the student has the option of enrolling in courses that can be delivered virtually for the entire term. These students should work with their advisors to determine appropriate courses for their schedules. Note: International students must also seek permission from the Designated School Official (DSO) before enrolling in a virtual course.

Human Resources and your supervising academic dean will review any requests to adjust the classroom masking policy for a faculty member whose personal or family health profile warrants a difference in practice on a case-by-case basis. Please direct those inquiries to Jim Jones and your dean.

Office Hours and Visits

All instructors and students are expected to follow the masking policy during office hours and visits.

Policy Compliance

Compliance with these policies is the responsibility of all campus community members (students, faculty, and staff). In cases where students are unwilling to follow the masking policies within their classroom, they will be asked to leave the classroom, with the option to return as soon as they agree to follow safety protocol. If the situation becomes disruptive or recurs, then instructors should contact the Center supervisor where the course is offered.