College Community –

NDSCS considers various factors when implementing college-wide guidance and requirements related to COVID-19. Based on NDSCS Community COVID-19 data indicators and local COVID-19 transmission data, effective immediately (11/5/21), NDSCS will no longer require face coverings and visitation restrictions in residential facilities are lifted.

NDSCS continues to strongly recommend the proper use of face coverings for indoor public places for both vaccinated and unvaccinated people. Additionally:

- All individuals should be comfortable wearing face coverings if they choose.
- Faculty may require face coverings in specific learning spaces.
- Face coverings may be required in certain areas/offices. (Supervisors should be consulted regarding these requirements.)
- Face covering requirements cannot be based on vaccination status.

The COVID-19 data markers will continue to be monitored at least weekly by the COVID-19 Response Team; and, as outlined in NDSCS COVID-19 Response Plan (effective August 16, 2021), guidance and procedures will be adjusted accordingly.

The ENTIRE NDSCS community is strongly urged to continue to remain diligent with personal prevention practices. Reporting symptoms/close contact or if you test positive for COVID-19 is STILL REQUIRED for employees and students.

Other essential prevention practices include:

- getting vaccinated,
- NOT hosting or attending gatherings,
- getting tested at LEAST once a week,
- washing your hands frequently,
- consistently and PROPERLY wearing a face covering indoors,
- and not going to class/shops/labs if you are not feeling well.

While the risk and spread of COVID-19 has significantly reduced, it has not been eliminated. NDSCS will continue to monitor the situation and appreciate your ongoing collaboration to minimize the risk and spread of COVID-19.

Stay Well, Wildcats!

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