

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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