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Dear Campus Community,

Since the beginning of this pandemic, your health and safety has always been Fayetteville State University's number one priority. As we begin to learn more about the rapid increase in COVID-19 cases across the nation due to the Delta variant, it has become necessary for the University to make changes to our COVID-19 protocols, in accordance with The Centers for Disease Control guidelines and recent state recommendations.

Therefore, we are re-implementing some of the COVID-19 safety standards that was previously lifted and making a stronger appeal for everyone to get vaccinated.

Effective immediately, the following standards will apply to all FSU employees and students:

Vaccinations and Surveillance Testing Are Being Offered

The best way to protect yourself is to get the COVID-19 vaccination. All students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to get vaccinated campus at the FSU Vaccine Clinic (every Thursday) or through the Vaccine Mobile unit (on campus through August 18). The vaccine is also currently being offered at major retail pharmacies, including Walmart, CVS, Walgreens and at the public health department. You can find a vaccine location near you at [COVID-19 Vaccine Information | NC COVID-19 \(ncdhhs.gov\)](https://ncdhhs.gov/COVID-19/Vaccine-Information).

We are asking all Broncos to complete the following brief survey on vaccinations. Your honest feedback will help us determine how long our protocol measures will last.

TAKE THE SURVEY NOW!

- For faculty and staff: <https://forms.office.com/r/wjvMtvG4h1>
- For students only: <https://forms.office.com/r/3GK1CcdAGH>

Face Coverings are Now Required in Indoor Spaces

Face coverings or masks are required in all on-campus indoor spaces for students, faculty, staff, and visitors. The CDC guidance now recommends that vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals “wear a mask indoors in public if you are in an area of substantial or high transmission.” We are moving more aggressively in this area because Cumberland County is considered a high transmission area. Therefore, faculty, students, and visitors to the campus, whether vaccinated or not, will be required to wear face coverings inside all campus buildings and facilities, including, but not limited to:

- Classrooms, common workspaces, elevators, hallways, restrooms, and break rooms
- When others are present in the employee's or student workspace

Indoor face coverings are not required:

- While working alone in private offices
- While alone in residence hall room
- While you are actively eating or drinking

At this time, face coverings are not required in outdoor spaces.

Self-Monitoring and Testing

Employees, students, and visitors to campus are encouraged to follow these guidelines when on and off campus and should self-monitor for symptoms daily. Take immediate action if you:

- Develop fever or symptoms consistent with COVID-19. Immediately self-isolate and contact your primary care provider to arrange for medical evaluation and testing.
- Have encounter someone who is infected. Those who have not been vaccinated are strongly encouraged to be tested at least once per week either through the Student Health Services or through your health care provider.
- Plan on coming to campus. We encourage you to have temperatures checks if you are experiencing signs of illness and prior to arriving on FSU's campus and using the facilities.

The University strongly encourages all members of the University community to obtain a COVID-19 vaccine so that we can quickly resume our quality of life. Employees are strongly encouraged to report their vaccination status and provide a copy of their vaccine card to the Office of Human Resources. Employees can submit the cards via fax to (910) 672-1821 or email tgraham1@uncfsu.edu.

What's Next

To keep our campus community healthy, we will continue to follow the above measures and monitor cases through the first few weeks of the fall semester. During this time, we will evaluate our progress and make changes, as needed. Our goal remains to get back to normal, as safely as possible, as we look forward to delivering in-person instruction, campus services, and a host of activities that enhance your campus experience.

We are in this together. Thank you in advance for doing your part to keep our campus safe, healthy, and open for business.

Bronco Pride,



Darrell T. Allison,
Chancellor