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Effective immediately, students, faculty, staff and visitors to all Ohio State campuses and medical facilities are required to wear masks indoors, regardless of their vaccination status. This includes in enclosed spaces on construction sites, in shared work vehicles and on public transportation.

Masks continue to be required outdoors for unvaccinated individuals when they cannot maintain physical distancing. Vaccinated people are not required to mask outdoors.

The Delta variant quickly has become the most common form of the virus. We know that the Delta variant is much more contagious than previous versions of the virus, causes infected patients to have substantially higher amounts of the virus in their system, and can be transmitted to others even by fully vaccinated people who contract the virus. Therefore, the university's mask protocols have been updated to enhance the health and safety of our campus community as well as to reflect [updated guidance](#) from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In addition, everyone should continue to maintain appropriate physical distancing and practice healthy habits like frequent hand washing.

We appreciate your diligence to maintain safe construction sites and remind each organization to please advise individuals on your team that anyone feeling sick or with a fever must not report to work at Ohio State. Further, anyone who has signs or symptoms of respiratory illness consistent with coronavirus, has been exposed to an individual with coronavirus, or has been diagnosed with the virus should contact his or her primary care physician and must not report to work at Ohio State.