

February, 21, 2022

Faculty, Staff and Students –

Mask Mandate Lifted

In accordance with the lifting of the state and county mask mandates, Concordia-Chicago will no longer require facemasks to be worn indoors beginning on **Monday, February 28**.

Individuals may still wear facemasks should they choose to do so, and the University recommends all members of our campus community continue exhibiting understanding and kindness in this situation. Additionally, the CDC recommends continued [facemask use in limited situations](#).

The University understands that state or local governments may institute future mask mandates should the COVID-19 situation change.

Spring Break

Due to the significant, continued decline of COVID-19 Omicron variant cases and the relaxing of mitigation measures by national, state and local governments, the University will NOT require COVID-19 testing for those returning to campus after Spring Break (March 7-11).

The state of Illinois' vaccination mandate remains in place. As a result, all unvaccinated students, faculty and staff will be required to continue adhering to the weekly COVID-19 testing protocols currently in place.

The University does not currently have any travel restrictions in place for students or employees, but advises individuals who travel during breaks to be aware of the [CDC's travel recommendations by destination](#).

There is an expectation that all members of the campus community will continue to employ best practices related to preventing the spread of the virus on campus. Individuals who exhibit symptoms consistent with COVID-19 either during the break times noted above and/or upon return to campus should:

- Schedule a COVID-19 test (note: free, on-campus testing remains available Tuesdays and Wednesdays)
- Report a positive case via the mandatory [COVID-19 Self-Reporting Form](#)
- Follow appropriate isolation or quarantine protocols, as applicable

As always, the University's current COVID-19 protocols are [available on the CUC website](#).

- *CUC Emergency Response Team*