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Dear UAlbany Community:

As we prepare to welcome our students back for the fall semester, we continue to follow the developments of the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure we are providing the safest environment possible for our campus community. Unfortunately, with the surge of the Delta variant and significant spread in our region, we are revising our mask policy based on new CDC guidelines.

Effective immediately, all individuals, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a mask or other face covering while inside any UAlbany owned, operated or leased building. This includes workspaces, classrooms, libraries, recreation spaces and all other University spaces. A list of exceptions to this requirement can be found in the [“Face Mask”](#) section of our Health and Safety page.

Unvaccinated individuals will also now be required to wear face coverings in all outdoor settings. Face coverings will be required for both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals at large outdoor gatherings, such as on-campus athletics events.

This revised mask requirement applies to all faculty, staff, students and visitors, and will remain in place until the University removes the requirement upon the recommendations of the CDC or other public health officials.

As a reminder, unvaccinated individuals are subject to additional requirements including weekly testing and social distancing. Pursuant to forthcoming instructions, we will also be reinstating daily health screenings for unvaccinated employees. Please visit the [Vaccinate UAlbany webpage](#) for details.

Vaccines remain our best means of protecting ourselves and others against the continued spread of the virus. While residential students are already mandated to show proof of vaccination, all students will be required to get the vaccine pending final FDA approval, expected by mid-September.

We of course also urge all employees to get vaccinated immediately. This will be critical to ensuring that the University can maintain a safe and healthy environment for all. Information on documentation requirements can be found on the [Vaccinate UAlbany webpage](#).

Given our strong track record of adapting and remaining resilient over the past 18 months, I am confident that together we will continue to successfully navigate this ongoing pandemic.

Sincerely,

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