



September 24, 2021

UW-Madison Office of the Chancellor Order – Limiting Access to UW-Madison Campus – Face Coverings extended to November 26, 2021

This order is issued pursuant to authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Wisconsin and applicable policies in the University of Wisconsin System, including but not limited to: Wis. Stat. 36.09(1)(a), (f), and (L), 36.11(1)(a) and (c), 36.35(2), Wis. Stat. 101.11, Wis. Admin. Code § 17.09(1), (14), and (15), Wis. Admin. Code § UWS 18.08(9)(b), 18.11(6)(a) and (7)(e), and UW System Board of Regents Policy 23-2, to manage the operation and administration of the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus, including establishing requirements for access to UW-Madison lands and buildings in accordance with my responsibility for the health, safety and welfare of the University.

All individuals, regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status, must wear an acceptable face covering that is properly fitted to cover the wearer's nose and mouth, at all times when present in UW-Madison indoor public spaces, including while riding a campus bus or when two or more people are present in a university vehicle, with the following exceptions:

1. When actively eating or drinking.
2. When in one's assigned residential hall room without guests.
3. When alone in a private, unshared office or lab.
4. When engaged in water-based activities or wet conditions that would result in the mask getting wet.
5. Children under the age of 2 years.
6. When accommodation is granted by express written permission of the University as determined on an individualized basis, considering reasonable accommodations due to a documented medical condition.
7. Approval by the Provost of an academic or administrative unit's request for an exception for education-related arts performances.
8. As permitted by an athletic facility or by varsity athletic conference or association policies, procedures, or rules.

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Indoor public space does not include outdoor space connected to or incorporated within a building or other structure including by way of example but not limited to parking ramps, courtyards, patios, and stadiums.

This order is based on the return to largely in-person instruction and operations, current community COVID prevalence, the Fall 2020 increase in COVID prevalence, the move to more indoor activity with colder weather, and the need to monitor and promote low disease prevalence before the campus community travels to other communities for the fall recess and holiday. In addition, the order reflects consultation with campus public health experts, as well as consideration of local, state, and national public health recommendations, including current guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommending that vaccinated individuals wear face coverings while indoors under certain circumstances.

This order is in effect until November 26, 2021, unless extended, terminated, or otherwise modified based on changing conditions related to the COVID-19 Delta (or other) variant, including but not limited to CDC guidance, state and local public health conditions, and campus safety.

The UW-Madison Police Department is authorized to enforce this order. Violations are subject to citation and fine under Wis. Admin. Code § UWS Chapter 18. Student violations may also be reported to university's Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards. Students may be subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § UWS 17.09(15), which prohibits "Conduct that violates any published university rules, regulations, or policies, including provisions contained in university contracts with students." Employee violations may be reported to the employee's supervisor. Any discipline must follow the applicable policies/procedures for that employee's type (i.e., faculty, academic staff, University Staff, etc.).



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Chancellor