

Boston University Human Resources

TO: Faculty & Staff

FROM: Amanda Bailey, Vice President for Human Resources

DATE: March 3, 2022

SUBJECT: New COVID-19 Protocols

Dear Colleagues,

As a follow up to [Dr. Platt's email communication](#) on March 1, we are very pleased to share that favorable trends exist related to COVID-19. I'm writing to share a few reminders of the important changes to the University's COVID-19 protocols effective **Monday, March 7, 2022**.

Faculty and Staff Community Testing

As announced previously, all faculty and staff members will no longer be **required** to test weekly in accordance with the University's community testing program. Please note that testing will remain **available** for faculty and staff who would like to continue testing or who must have a test due to a [close contact exposure](#). For faculty and staff members who have symptoms, please continue to self-schedule a test at the [Health Services Annex](#).

Face Masks

The University's [face mask policy](#) has been updated. We understand that this transition may be significant for some of our colleagues. Please demonstrate your support in recognizing that colleagues may need to continue wearing a mask indoors where masks are no longer required due to a variety of reasons. We appreciate everyone's cooperation and understanding as mask use on our campus evolves.

Faculty and staff members are no longer required to wear masks in **most areas on our campuses** including dining halls, residential housing common areas, libraries, food courts, Fit-Rec, athletic venues, and common areas in buildings and colleges. More specifically, masks will no longer be required for staff members who sit in office cubicles, shared office spaces, or conference rooms. Masks **must be worn** indoors for classes, when traveling on the BU Shuttle, and in all healthcare facilities.

As Dr. Platt shared, please continue to use high-quality filtering masks such as N95s, KN95s, KF94s, and FFP2s to reduce viral transmission based on personal risk. Please note that, at this time, Boston's public mask mandate will be in place until March 5th and Brookline's mandate remains in place, so it is important to keep a mask with you to comply with local regulations.

Vaccination Verification at Public Venues

Compliance with the University's vaccine requirement remains recommended for all University visitors. Visitors to the University will be asked to follow any masking policies that remain in effect. Please note that there is no longer a requirement to show proof of vaccination at the Fitness & Recreation Center and other venues that host entertainment and athletic events. With this update, you can access the University's revised Visitor policy [here](#).

Vaccination and Booster Requirements

While proof of vaccination has been updated for public venues, faculty, staff, and affiliates will need to comply with vaccination and booster requirements. Our office will continue to manage compliance efforts at this time.

For more information, please visit the [Back2BU](#) website for more updates and additional details about the University's COVID-19 protocols.

Thank you for your tireless efforts to sustain our success for a safe and healthy campus community.

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