

Masking Policy for syllabi:

In this class, as elsewhere on campus, students must comply with all University health and safety protocols, including:

- The indoor masking mandate announced on August 13, 2021 that requires all vaccinated and unvaccinated students, employees, and visitors to wear masks indoors starting on Saturday, August 14. This requirement applies to:
 - In-person instruction (all indoor classrooms and/or instructional spaces), **including this class**;
 - In-person indoor events;
 - Any community member traveling between classes within common areas of a University building;
 - Any community member in common areas within University-owned on-campus housing; and
 - Any community member using the campus shuttles.
- This mandate is designed to limit the transmission of the virus within our community and preserve our ability to offer an in-person teaching and learning experience throughout the fall semester.
- This mandate follows the CDC (Centers for Disease Control) recommendations fully vaccinated individuals living, working, or attending school in counties with **substantial** or **high** transmission rates
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>
- It is also in keeping with the CDC guidance for non-vaccinated individuals that they should continue to wear face coverings that completely cover the nose and mouth for their safety and the safety of others when within 6 (six) feet of other individuals.
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>
- Furthermore, this mandate also follows the CDC suggestions for mixed populations of vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals about masks being recommended for all.
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/colleges-universities/considerations.html#section3>
- Failure to follow this campus mandate may result in referrals and/or action under the Student Code of Conduct and/or the Student Disruptive Behavior Policy, depending on the specifics of the situation. Students are expected to be aware of their obligations and responsibilities as part of the BU community as outlined in both documents.
 - <https://www.bloomu.edu/documents/student-code-conduct>
 - <https://www.bloomu.edu/prp-3881-student-disruptive-behavior-policy>

We are part of a community of learning which aspires to be a diverse community that produces positive change. Consequently, respect for these protocols is an expectation for everyone enrolled in this course. Following these guidelines gives BU additional tools, beyond vaccinations alone, of limiting widespread infections and allowing face-to-face teaching to continue for the academic year.

If students with questions are asked to contact the [Dean of Students Office](https://www.bloomu.edu/offices-directory/dean-students) (<https://www.bloomu.edu/offices-directory/dean-students>)

Other possible related language faculty may wish to include:

- For our return to campus, members of the BU community are strongly encouraged to protect themselves from COVID-19 by getting vaccinated. While Bloomsburg is currently not requiring the COVID-19 vaccine, it is highly recommended.

- Regardless of vaccination status, all members of the BU community should continue to maintain good handwashing hygiene.
- Bloomsburg will continue to respect and provide services to all members of our campus community regardless of vaccination status. Supervisors and employees should not ask their employees and coworkers whether they have been vaccinated. Likewise, faculty and staff should not ask students about their vaccination status. Please respect the decision of individuals who choose to wear a face covering outdoors and/or in other settings beyond what is covered by the current masking mandate.