

March 9, 2022

Dear Colleagues,

I have exciting news to share! In alignment with the State of Oregon and the Center for Disease Control (CDC), WPU will no longer require masks on campus effective March 12, 2022.

Individuals may still choose to wear a mask:

- Please respect each other's personal choice to wear or not wear a mask
- Wearing a mask does not indicate illness
- No one can direct another individual to wear a mask for their own comfort

Vaccination and masking may still be required for nursing clinical placements and Education students in school settings in accordance with partner guidelines. Vaccinations and masking may be required to meet educational objectives for other programs (Social Work) in which external placement settings (clinical, fieldwork, student teaching) mandate proof of vaccination. The Student Counseling Center will still require masks.

We must remain flexible as we continue to navigate COVID-19. It is possible that campus, state, or federal protocols may be temporarily reinstated if there is a spike in active COVID-19 cases. We ask all individuals to continue checking for symptoms and stay home if they are ill. Please note, individuals who exhibit symptoms or test positive for COVID-19 should submit a COVID-19 Reporting Form <https://www.warnerpacific.edu/resources/covid-19/covid-19-reporting/> and follow the CDC recommendations for quarantining and masking (please see the attached Spring 2022 Preparedness Plan for details).

This has been a long two years. Thank you for your commitment and determination as we continue to navigate the necessary protocols to keep our campus community safe.

Blessings,

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