



Masking at Wabash College (09-29-21)

This is subject to change with little notice. If there is evidence of classroom transmission of COVID-19, strain on the campus health care system due to other outbreaks on campus, concerning conditions in the broader community, or guidance from county, state or federal health departments, we will resume masking.

- All persons should continue to wear a mask in instructional settings such as classes, laboratories, and office hours until your instructor indicates otherwise. Faculty can choose whether masks are required in their classroom activities, labs, and office hours. Factors that faculty might consider in the decision-making process include the nature of classroom activities, occupancy of the room, number of students in the class, students with high-risk health conditions, and personal risk factors, among other things.
- Faculty/staff decisions regarding masks should be respected.
- We will plan to wear masks when we return from Fall Break (week of October 18) and assess whether benefits outweigh the risk.
- Spotters must wear masks in the Fitness Center and Weight Room.
- Students with conditions that make them higher risk for COVID-19 complications or breakthrough cases should contact Heather Thrush at thrushh@wabash.edu to discuss options.
- Masks will be required for indoor public gatherings of 50 or more when Montgomery County has substantial or high transmission of COVID-19 according to the CDC.

Ongoing Practices

- You are always welcome to wear a mask at any time in any location.
- If someone else is wearing a mask, consider it an invitation to put on your mask.
- Any person who is not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 is REQUIRED to wear a mask any time they are inside College buildings and outside of their sleeping room.
- Continue wearing a mask when you are out in the community. Avoid close contact, crowds and confined spaces.
- Classroom guests (such as prospective students) should continue to wear masks.
- Athletic teams will continue to follow the NCAA Guidelines for Resocialization for operating principles.
- Internal (on-campus) group meetings may decide whether to wear masks or not.
- If you have an upper respiratory infection, stay home until you get [tested for COVID-19](#) and wear a mask until your symptoms resolve. Students can contact covid19testing@wabash.edu and employees can find a testing site at the [state web page](#).
- If you are fully vaccinated and a [close contact of a COVID-19 case](#), wear a mask at all times until you have received a negative COVID-19 test result at the appropriate time and are directed by a healthcare professional to return to normal activity. You should continue to monitor for development of symptoms for a full 14 days.

Please continue to carry a mask with you at all times. Remember that avoiding confined spaces (indoors and outdoors), ensuring robust ventilation, and practicing social distancing remain the foundation of reducing the risk of transmission of the virus causing COVID-19.

