

Good morning Colleagues,

Allegany College of Maryland will no longer require individuals to wear face masks indoors in the presence of others. This decision, effective immediately, is based on local COVID-19 data and current guidance from the [CDC](#). If our region experiences a surge in cases, it's possible that a masking mandate will be reinstated.

Optional Masking.

Employees, students, and visitors *may* elect to wear masks. Please be considerate of one another as we transition our protocols. There are those among us who may have a personal level of risk, such as an underlying medical condition or caring for someone who is at risk, and those who've endured the loss of a loved one due to COVID-19. Others may continue to meet virtually and remain masked in the presence of others. *It's a time to be sensitive to and respectful of the needs of others.*

Required Mitigation Measures.

COVID-19 isn't over. To protect our students, each other, and our community, we continue to require everyone to:

- [Self-check](#) for symptoms daily. Attestations and sign-in procedures for case management will remain in place.
- Report symptoms, exposure, and positive COVID-19 tests immediately by calling 301-784-5061 or emailing covidreports@allegany.edu.
- Follow our existing [COVID-19 mitigation measures](#), including social distancing, reduced capacity class sizes and events, and enhanced cleaning.

Please email me directly or speak with your Vice President or Supervisor if you have any questions.

Warm regards,

Dr. B