

## **SUNY Corning Community College**

### **Summer Face Covering Guidance**

**Effective June 10, 2021 through August 13, 2021**

During the COVID-19 public health emergency, face coverings have been identified as a critical preventive measure and are considered to be essential during times when social distancing of at least six feet between individuals is not possible. The Center for Disease Control [CDC] recommends unvaccinated individuals wear face coverings in public settings and when around people who do not live in their household.

The following procedures follow CDC, New York State Department of Health, SUNY and local Health Department guidelines and may be modified as circumstances surrounding the pandemic evolve.

#### **Guidance for Individuals Who are Unvaccinated or Decline to Provide Proof of Vaccination**

Face coverings will be worn at all times when indoors if the individual is unvaccinated or declines providing proof of vaccination. In accordance with the NYS Department Health recommendations, six feet of social distancing in indoor settings will be required. Unvaccinated individuals must also wear a face covering when outdoors when social distancing of at least six feet cannot be achieved. Face coverings must fit snugly and cover the nose and mouth.

#### **Guidance for Individuals Who are Fully Vaccinated**

With proof of vaccination status, fully vaccinated employees and students are exempt from this policy and do not need to wear a face covering or be socially distanced. "Fully Vaccinated" means an individual has received both doses of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine or one dose of a single-dose vaccine and at least 14 days have passed since the individual's final dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

#### **Receiving an Exemption from Wearing a Face Covering:**

To be exempt from wearing face coverings, employees will provide proof that they are fully vaccinated to the Health Office. Those who have already provided proof of vaccination to the Health Office to be exempted from pool testing do not need to provide further documentation; however, employees should provide proof of vaccination to their immediate supervisor to be exempted from wearing a face covering while in the workplace.

Students who would like to be exempted from wearing masks while indoors should provide proof of vaccination to the Health Office by using this form. They can then show the email response they receive to their faculty member to be exempted from wearing a face covering. Without face coverings, social distancing of 6 feet must be adhered to and face coverings will be worn when social distance cannot be maintained in classroom settings.

Here is the link to the [Proof of Vaccination Form](#).

Visitors are required to wear a face covering unless they have received an approved exception to this policy.

All individuals, regardless of vaccination status, will be supported if they choose to wear a face covering while on campus. Discrimination and/or harassment will not be tolerated. Anyone with a chronic illness or who is medically immunologically compromised is strongly encouraged to wear a face covering at all times.

The College reserves the right to apply more stringent face covering requirements (depending upon the type of event) where all attendees may be required to wear face coverings while in crowded settings and venues.

Employees can use their own face coverings or they can request cloth face coverings from the Health Office.