

## Indoor Masking Policy

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indoor masking and has attempted to strike a logical balance to help ensure that we can continue to offer in-person classes and minimize the transmission of COVID-19 and chances for a cluster outbreak on campus.

2. Application

- a. Not dependent on vaccine or booster status: The masking rules are not dependent on an individual's vaccine or booster status.
- b. Voluntary masking welcome: Southwestern continues to recommend and encourage individuals to wear masks voluntarily when indoors with others, especially if an individual has not been fully vaccinated or is at higher risk of serious negative outcome if they contract COVID-19. No one should be marginalized or made to feel unwelcome because they choose to wear a mask.
- c. Type of mask: When a mask is required, individuals must wear an N95, KN95, or KF94 mask. When a mask is not required, a person choosing to wear a mask may wear any type of mask or face covering they choose, including cloth and surgical masks.
- d. Outdoors: While individuals are always welcome to wear a mask outdoors, masks are not required outdoors, and this policy is limited to mask-wearing indoors.
- e. Residences at 7<sup>th</sup>: Individual apartments in the Residences on 7<sup>th</sup> are not covered under this policy, but common areas within the Residences on 7<sup>th</sup> are covered by the policy.
- f. Mandatory group events that individuals must attend in person: Indoor group events that students or employees must attend in person can be deemed mandatory only by the following individuals: President and Dean; a Vice Dean; Associate Dean for SCALE, Associate Dean: 800.734.8413 or 702.411.9978, TJ 01 Tc u4 (S

- g. London Study Abroad Program: This policy does not apply to the London Study Abroad Program, which has its own indoor masking policies.

### 3. Notification of Phase Changes

The Office of the President and Dean or the COVID Compliance Manager will alert the campus community (students, staff, full-time faculty, and adjunct faculty teaching that semester, period, or session) via swlaw.edu email before we enter a different phase. Southwestern will strive to give at least 24 hours' notice before shifting to a different phase. Notices of the current phase will be posted on the swlaw.edu webpage and outside the entrance to the Bullocks Wilshire building, the Westmoreland building, and the Residences at 7<sup>th</sup> (pertaining to the common areas of the Residences)

### 4. Requirement to Carry a Mask While on Campus and Exceptions When Masks May Be Required Regardless of Phase

- a. Always carry a high-quality mask: Each member of the Southwestern community should always carry an N95, KN95, or KF94 mask while on campus. In some situations, and in some areas of campus, indoor masking rules may differ from the general rule for a phase. Southwestern will strive to give advance notice of these areas or circumstances.
- b. Employee offices and workspaces: Employees may require individuals to wear a high-quality mask when entering the employee's office or workspace, even when the campus is in a green or yellow phase. "Workspace" does not include a classroom or other area specifically addressed in this policy (e.g., Fitness Center, non-employee office in the Library).
- c. Individuals returning to campus after



session and the Fall 2022 semester. Entering SCALB students may pick up their masks from the Administrative Services Office on or after June 10, 2022.

The Administrative Services Office also has a small supply of



## Appendix B: Factors Balanced to Determine the Phase

Phase	Factors
Low	L.A.County CDCCommunity Level“Low” ( <a href="#">https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/Community-Level.aspx</a> )
Medium	<p>L.A.County CDCCommunity Level“Medium” (<a href="http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/data/post-surge-dashboard.htm">http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/data/post-surge-dashboard.htm</a>)</p> <p>Infection rate in L.A. county reaches 1.5(<a href="https://covidactnow.org/us/california-ca/county/los-angeles-county/?s=33542170">https://covidactnow.org/us/california-ca/county/los-angeles-county/?s=33542170</a>)</p> <p>The L.A.county seven-day average of the percent of EmergencyDepartment encounters classified as COVID-re747/4Tj -03 Tc 0.009 Tw 0.267 0 Td [(D)-8.7 (ep)-1.7 (a)-0.6 (r</p>