



AN ANNOUNCEMENT *from* BUTLER UNIVERSITY

Dear Butler Community,

Beginning Monday, August 9, **we are instructing all students, faculty, staff, and visitors (including vaccinated individuals) to wear a mask indoors when in the presence of others.** This update is consistent with guidance from the CDC and local public health officials; more importantly, we want to ensure that we start the academic year safely and successfully as we prepare for a full return to all normal campus activities. We will evaluate this new policy on a weekly basis, as it is our intention to relax the policy as soon as feasible.

All students, faculty, staff, and visitors on campus will be required to wear masks in:

- Classrooms and lab spaces
- Hallways, public spaces, and common areas
- Dining areas, unless seated and eating
- Shared offices and conference rooms, when social distancing is not possible
- Health & Recreation Complex

Masks are not required to be worn outdoors. Students are not required to wear masks in their rooms, and faculty/staff are not required to wear masks in their individual offices.

COVID-19 Vaccination Rates on Campus

We know that the vaccine is our best defense against the virus, and we are pleased to report that approximately 85 percent of students have already been fully vaccinated as we approach the beginning of the academic year.

Additionally, an equal percentage of full-time and regular part-time faculty and staff have already been fully vaccinated. We expect those numbers to increase in the coming weeks, as many people have indicated that they have received their first dose of the vaccine and will receive their second dose soon, while others have informed us that they will get vaccinated soon after returning to campus.

Action Needed: For Individuals Who Have Not Submitted Documentation

We know that some students, faculty and staff have been vaccinated but have not yet provided proof of vaccination. Please upload a photo of your COVID-19 immunization card via the Butler health portal by following [these simple instructions](#) as soon as possible.

Students who would like to request an exemption from the vaccination requirement should complete the [COVID-19 Vaccination Exemption Request Form](#) and send the form to healthservices@butler.edu with the subject “COVID-19 Exemption Request.” **Faculty and staff** should complete the [COVID-19 Vaccination Exemption Request Form](#) and send it to benefits@butler.edu with the subject “COVID-19 Exemption Request.”