



**ESHELMAN SCHOOL
OF PHARMACY**

Combined Faculty/Staff Town Hall

August 13, 2021

Today's Agenda

Welcome and Overview of Agenda: McClurg (5 min)

Opening Remarks: Kashuba (5 min)

Vaccination Updates and Community Standards: McClurg (10 min)

Questions: Kashuba, Cox, Kenney (20 min)

Open Discussion: All (10 min)

Adjourn

Carolina Together Fall Return

- We have been planning for and are now operating a near normal fall return, including **in person classes**.
- The School is closely aligned with community standards listed on the University's [Carolina Together website](#), **with the exception of the type of masks required and recommendations that faculty teaching/presenters keep masks on.**
- Because the Delta variant of COVID-19 is now the dominant strain of the virus and is highly contagious, we are taking extra precautions in School of Pharmacy buildings/spaces.

Carolina Together Testing program

- As of September 15, unvaccinated faculty and staff (and those that fail to certify they are vaccinated) will be required to participate in the Carolina Together Testing Program and be required to be tested once weekly (consistent with requirements for students).
- In order to be exempt from weekly testing, faculty and staff are required to complete the [COVID-19 Vaccine Certification Form](#).

Vaccination Update

- To date, 63% of Carolina staff and 91% of faculty have attested to their vaccination status.
- In addition, over 27,000 of UNC students have reported their vaccination status, and 93% have attested that they are vaccinated.
- In ESOP, over 90% of students (professional and graduate student total) reported that they are vaccinated as of last week.

Community Standards

- **Get Vaccinated** – The currently available vaccines are the best protection for yourself and to keep our Carolina Community safe.
- Most of our major health systems partners in NC are now **requiring vaccination** for employees and **students**. Students will need to provide proof of full vaccination prior to completing immersions/advanced immersions at these sites.
- Please enter **vaccination status** in Connect Carolina Dashboard link: <https://ehs.cloudapps.unc.edu/ClinicRegistration/covidcert>

Community Standards

- **Practice Healthy Habits** – Monitor your health; Employees, Trainees, and Students must not come to campus if they are experiencing any COVID-like symptom(s) (call University Employee Occupational Health or Campus Health).
- **Contact Tracing and Quarantine & Isolation** – Quarantine and isolation requirements are in place for unvaccinated individuals and vaccinated individuals who are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. This includes students, faculty and staff who are contacted as part of local or University contact tracing.

Community Standards

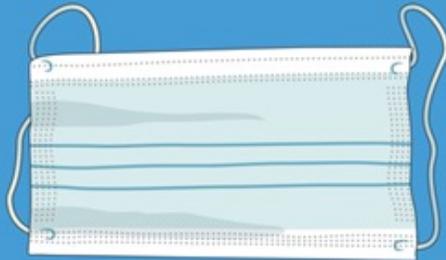
- **Be Respectful** – respect those who wish to maintain social distance; do not ask others for their personal health information, such as vaccination status.
- **Sanitizing** – within our School, offices and classrooms are cleaned and disinfected daily. Hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes will be placed in all classrooms and common spaces to clean spaces before and after use.
- **Face Masks** – You must wear a face mask at all times while inside any University building. A face mask must be worn in common workspaces or when others are present in the employee’s workspace, and in all common areas including elevators, hallways, restrooms and breakrooms. Masks are not required outdoors. University employees are not required to wear a mask while working alone in their private office.

Universal Masking is Required

PLEASE WEAR A MASK

As we continue to fight COVID-19, it is crucial for us to follow community standards, which includes wearing an approved mask in our buildings:

UNIVERSITY-SUPPLIED SURGICAL MASK



UNIVERSITY-ISSUED SOCK MASK



SURGICAL MASK **UNDER** MASK OF CHOICE

or



SOCK MASK **UNDER** MASK OF CHOICE

*N95 masks can be worn alone
with UNC EHS approval

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Community Standards

- In addition to reinforcing our School's community standards and safety protocols, we have now implemented distancing while individuals are unmasked (e.g., while eating).
- In-person School of Pharmacy events will also now require masking, even while outdoors, and event food must be served as boxed, individual meals, with limited queues.
- We recommend that all eating occur outdoors and distanced, if possible, or if you are alone in a closed room or office.
 - Designated Outdoor Eating Areas: Tented area outside of Kerr Hall; courtyard and patio areas with picnic tables outside of most of our facilities. Several outdoors areas outside of buildings in Asheville.

Asheville Community Standards

- All employees and students should follow CDC guidance and North Carolina Department of Health and Human Service directions.
 - **Wear.** Those who are **not vaccinated** should continue wearing a face covering. Those who are vaccinated do not have to wear a face covering either indoors or outdoors.
 - **Wash** hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
 - **Wait** at least six feet apart and avoid close contact with others.
- Monitor any symptoms and exposures as outlined by the CDC, stay home and if you have symptoms, get tested as needed.
 - COVID testing available via UNCA campus health 2 days per week and Range Urgent Care on other days or after hours.
- Report positive tests to UNCA campus health for contact tracing
- For more information: <https://coronavirus.unca.edu/return-to-campus/health-safety-guidance/>

Recent Cases and Observations

- Seeing breakthrough infections in vaccinated individuals on campus and in the state
- Our recent cases and most cases on campus last year are a result of unmasked social events outside of class, not in classroom settings or lab spaces where everyone is wearing a mask.
- Since the pandemic, we have not had any transmissions in our buildings
- We know masks work!

Violations Reporting

If you notice someone not adhering to safety guidelines, politely ask the individual to comply with the community standards, report the violation to your supervisor and/or Human Resources, or [submit a report online](#). We are monitoring and addressing each concern that comes through.

Important Reminders

- This is a dynamic time, so please continue to monitor <https://carolinatogether.unc.edu/> to learn how evolving guidelines will affect the University's community standards.
- We will continue to make you aware of any additional changes in guidance specific to our School in the Dean's Friday Wrap-Up email.
- The FAO Pharmacy Return to Campus website is being updated and FAQs and other information will be posted there. Please refer to this site for more information.

Open Discussion



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Thank You