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Current requirements:

- **Indoors:** Face coverings are required at all times when indoors on University System property for all visitors, faculty, staff, and students regardless of vaccination status.
- Exceptions to the indoor requirement:
 - When a person is alone in an office or other room with a closed door;
 - When eating or drinking in a space where eating or drinking is permitted;
 - When a medical accommodation has been granted by appropriate University officials;
 - In other special circumstances as may be determined by campus leadership.
- **Note:** Face coverings are not required of any visitor, faculty, staff member or student regardless of vaccination status, when outdoors on university property.

Requirements effective July 26, 2021:

- **Indoors:** Effective July 26, face coverings will continue to be required indoors for any visitor, faculty, staff, or student who is not fully vaccinated.
- Exceptions to the indoor requirement:
 - When a person is alone in an office or other room with a closed door;
 - When eating or drinking in a space where eating or drinking is permitted;
 - When a medical accommodation has been granted by appropriate University officials;
 - In other special circumstances as may be determined by campus leadership.
- **Note:** Face coverings are not required of any visitor, faculty, staff member or student regardless of vaccination status, when outdoors on university property and, effective July 26, face coverings will no longer be required indoors for those who are fully vaccinated.

Welcomed:

In general, face coverings continue to be welcomed in any circumstance when individuals choose to wear them as a matter of personal preference. There may be certain exceptions related to security-sensitive circumstances or other matters.

University of Maine System students and employees should also refer to the related guidance in the "For Students" or "For Employees" sections of this [Together for Maine web site](#).

When face coverings are required to be worn, they are to be the type commonly recommended by public health officials. These are generally made of multiple layers of cloth, which cover the nose, mouth and chin and are secured either with ear loops or with ties behind the head.

The University asks everyone to aim for not mere technical compliance with the face covering requirement but rather to meet the spirit and intention of the face covering requirement when wearing your own face covering.

Note that this and all University guidance on COVID-19 is subject to change in accordance with the evolving circumstances of COVID-19.

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