

A Message from University of Kentucky

PRESIDENT ELI CAPILOUTO

New Campus COVID-19 Policies Begin Today

“Dear Campus Community,

Throughout our commonwealth and our country, we see growing signs of optimism and hope about emerging from this pandemic and beginning our return to some sense of normalcy. At the same time, we must remain vigilant. The virus is still present, here and around the world. And that means we must continue to do everything necessary to protect the health and safety of our campus. Against this backdrop of hope and vigilance, I am announcing campus measures that we will implement, beginning Monday, June 14. These reflect current recommendations of the CDC, direction from state government, guidance from health department officials and the counsel of our own START team of health scientists and clinicians.

*The best path forward, especially to maximize the safety of you and others, and to be able to take full advantage of all campus resources and privileges is to **GET VACCINATED***

The modifications described below apply to campus settings. They do not impact UK HealthCare’s policies regarding COVID-19. UK HealthCare facilities are [following a phased approach to reopening based on community prevalence and number of active inpatients](#). UK HealthCare still requires daily screening and masking of all providers, staff, patients and visitors. Any person who will be in one of the health care facilities should understand the phase that health care facilities are in so they can follow the health care guidelines.

Beginning June 14, on campus, many changes will be implemented. The changes to mask policies are bulleted below. Visit <https://www.uky.edu/president/sites/www.uky.edu/president/files/6-11-2021.pdf> to review all the new policies.

Masks

- **PEOPLE WHO ARE VACCINATED** are not required to wear masks or face coverings in campus outdoor spaces or inside non-UK HealthCare campus buildings.
- Mask requirements for individuals who are not vaccinated will remain in place. In other words, individuals who are not vaccinated will be required to wear a mask or face covering when inside any campus facility, including recreation facilities. Individuals who are not vaccinated also should wear a mask outside if they are near other people.

THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU DO FOR OUR COMMUNITY.”

Eli Capilouto, President

