

Current Masking Requirements: Health Science Facilities

In general, in our health science facilities, face coverings and physical distancing will be required in any indoor space on the east and west banks of campus in which our faculty, staff, students and volunteers may have potential interactions with patients and research participants.

1. What does “any indoor space” mean? Does this mean individuals need to wear masks and distance in specified buildings in their entirety or only in specific rooms and common areas?

“Any indoor space” is specific to how the space is used - it relates to specific rooms, common areas, elevators, restrooms and any other space that patients and research participants may utilize. If individuals are unsure as to whether or not patients or research participants can access the indoor space (e.g. stairwell, elevator, restroom or hallway), we are asking individuals to wear their mask as their default response to help ensure the safety of our patients and research participants.

2. Are masks and physical distancing required in all spaces in Mayo, Moos, PWB and CMRR?

Individuals who are not vaccinated are expected to wear a mask indoors per [President Gabel's guidance](#). For individuals who have been vaccinated, masks and physical distancing are not required in spaces in which there are no potential interactions with patients or research participants. As examples, there are labs in these buildings in which patients and research participants cannot and will not access; individuals who are vaccinated do not need to wear masks in these labs.

Masks and physical distancing are ONLY REQUIRED in Mayo, Moose, PWB, and CMRR in public and common spaces (e.g. elevators, building entrances, atriums, public restrooms, stairwells, hallways, etc.), clinical research space in which visits with participants occur, and spaces that research participants and patients can access. It is important to note that individuals are required to wear masks in all elevators and stairwells in these buildings as research participants and patients may access the elevators and stairwells en route to their appointments. As an example, faculty, staff, or students may use the elevator to access research labs on Moos floors 11 through 17, and then a transplant patient may access the same elevator immediately after to access the dental clinics on floors 6 through 9.

If individuals are unsure as to whether or not patients or research participants can access the indoor space (e.g. restroom or hallway), we are asking individuals to wear their mask as their default response to help ensure the safety of our patients and research participants.

3. Do I need to wear a mask in my lab in Mayo, Moos, PWB and CMRR?

It depends. Individuals who are not vaccinated are expected to wear a mask indoors per [President Gabel's guidance](#). Also, if research visits with participants occur in the lab, all individuals (vaccinated and not vaccinated) must wear masks and maintain physical distancing. If you have been vaccinated and are in a space with no potential interactions with research participants or patients, you do not need to wear a mask.

4. Do I need to wear a mask and physically distance if I am in the 717 Delaware building or another UMN building with a research clinic?

It depends. Individuals who are not vaccinated are expected to wear a mask indoors per [President Gabel's guidance](#). All individuals must wear a mask in UMN research clinics and

associated common/public spaces (e.g. elevators, building entrances, atriums, public restrooms, stairwells, hallways, etc.) in which research visits occur. This may mean that there are some floors of health science buildings in which masks must be worn given potential interactions with research participants (e.g. 717 Delaware, 2nd floor, and public spaces on 1st floor) and other floors of the same building in which masks do not need to be worn. In addition, individuals are required to wear masks in all elevators and stairwells in these buildings as research participants and patients may access the elevators and stairwells en route to their appointments. If individuals are unsure as to whether or not patients or research participants can access the indoor space (e.g. restroom or hallway), we are asking individuals to wear their mask as their default response to help ensure the safety of our patients and research participants.

5. Do I need to wear a mask in other buildings on campus?

Individuals who are not vaccinated are expected to wear a mask indoors per [President Gabel's guidance](#). For individuals who are vaccinated, unless there are signs indicating masks are required, masks are only required in buildings in which research participant and patient visits occur. Masks are currently not required in buildings that are adjacent to buildings with research visits or buildings in which clinical samples are handled. As examples, for individuals who have been vaccinated, masks are not required in the Masonic Cancer Center or the Cancer and Cardiovascular Research Building.

6. In what education spaces are masks required on the Health Sciences Campus?

Health Sciences Education Center (HSEC), Phillips-Wangensteen Building (PWB), Moos Tower and Mayo house many classrooms and other education spaces on the Health Science campus. Masks are required in all public/common spaces (e.g. elevators, building entrances, atriums, public restrooms, stairwells, hallways, lockers, etc.) as well as M Simulation. Fully vaccinated individuals are not required to wear masks or socially distance in classrooms, office space, closed door study space or student lounges. Individuals who are not vaccinated are expected to wear a mask indoors per [President Gabel's guidance](#).