

March 23, 2022

Dear Bereans,

Based on the latest guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html> and on the designation of Madison County as “Green” with respect to COVID Community Level, the Administrative Committee is revising the indoor masking requirement, effective immediately.

The indoor masking policy is no longer in effect, except for the following:

Classrooms, Laboratories, and Studios

Masking will continue to be required in classrooms, laboratories, and studios until the College Faculty Assembly weighs in on any changes at the College Faculty Assembly Meeting on April 7, 2022.

Large Gatherings

Masking will continue to be required in large indoor gatherings, such as Convocations, indoor athletic events, performances, and other instances. (A “large” gathering for these purposes will be defined to be an event for which the attendance is expected to exceed 50 persons.)

Indoor Labor Activities

Indoor Labor activities will continue to require masking. Staff will have an opportunity to share their perspective on the masking policy at the Staff Forum Meeting on Friday, March 25, 2022, which will be shared with the Administrative Committee. The AC will consider this input and announce next week whatever reductions in labor masking requirements can be approved.

Noncompliance to required indoor masking outlined above will result in an unmasked person being asked to leave the space.

Residence Halls

Indoor masking will not be required in residence halls.

Those who choose...

Of course, anyone preferring to continue to wear a mask is allowed to do so.

Additional Updates

- Campus buildings will now have open access during normal building hours from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Building access will be limited to those with Berea College ID cards outside of these days and times.
- The general public may now attend public events, but attendees must adhere to masking requirements still in effect for large indoor gatherings, such as Convocations, indoor athletics events, and performances.
- While testing will still be required for anyone with COVID symptoms, the surveillance testing in effect for unvaccinated persons will be set aside.

These adjustments are subject to change pending the status of the COVID-19 pandemic such as an increase in cases on campus or in Madison County.

With warm regards,
Lyle Roelofs, President
Berea College