



February 16, 2022 (via *all-faculty list serve*)

Dear Colleagues:

I write to follow up on the campus communication regarding the change in masking guidance and the implications for the classroom.

From conversations with a range of faculty, I know that that some of you will be pleased about instructor choice regarding masking while others prefer maintaining a universal mandate. The campus communication describes the basis for making this change, but I wanted to follow up with specific information for faculty regarding your ability to continue requiring masks in the classroom.

- We fully support instructor choice regarding masking in a classroom, including requiring students to mask.
- Although unlikely, should a student not comply with a requirement to mask, instructors in the traditional undergraduate schools should report the student and circumstances to the college dean under the interim student conduct policies and the Standards of Student Conduct. In Law, the MBA program, or SPCS, the report should go to the appropriate associate dean.
- Please let students know which approach you will take next week so they can be ready for your class. If you are requiring masks and want to have extra on hand should students not have one, please contact procurement@richmond.edu.
- Instructors and students can continue to wear a mask themselves under any circumstances and the University supports that choice. There is [evidence](#) that wearing a high-quality mask in combination with COVID-19 vaccination provides significant protection even if others are not masked.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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