



# Nebraska State College System

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Dear Students and College Community,

First, I want to congratulate each of you on successfully completing the 2020-21 academic year. It was a year full of unexpected challenges that affected our daily lives in unanticipated ways. As always, you exceeded my expectations by embracing the changes needed to reach our goal of successfully completing the entire year in traditional in-person learning.

Given the CDC's mask announcement last week, starting today, the Nebraska State College System no longer requires fully vaccinated individuals to wear face coverings on its campuses and in its buildings. Face coverings, however, continue to be strongly recommended and encouraged for those who are not fully vaccinated when social distancing is not possible. Whether or not an individual has been vaccinated will be based on the honor system, and individuals will not need to show proof of vaccination. Individuals who have been vaccinated but still wish to wear face coverings will be free to do so.

We will review and update the current COVID-19 Guidelines to align with current CDC guidelines and the new Directed Health Measures for the state and regional public health districts. The priority will be to provide further guidance for the Colleges to facilitate campus-level activities (i.e., orientation, camps, etc.) under the current public health and safety recommendations.

We will continue to outline guidance for how best to approach the start of the Fall 2021 semester. Federal and state guidance will continue to evolve based on the willingness of our students, staff, and faculty to take advantage of the vaccinations that are being made readily available for our communities. I strongly encourage those who may not have taken advantage of this option to please consider getting vaccinated in the coming weeks. This will give us the best opportunity to fully return to the more traditional face-to-face learning environment that is most effective for the students we serve.

With sincere gratitude,

Dr. Paul Turman  
Chancellor