

MAU CAMPUS MASK GUIDELINES

TO: Students, Faculty and Staff

This message outlines important changes to COVID-19 safety protocols. We continue to monitor the constantly evolving COVID-19 environment and rely on our health care experts to evaluate the most up-to-date recommendations of the CDC and determine what guidelines are best for our institution.

Through the consistent and collective efforts of our entire University community, and due to the dramatic decline in cases and high rate of vaccination across our university, we now have reached a point where we can safely update our mask guidelines.

Beginning Monday, March 7th—masks will no longer be required on campus. Our revised protocols are consistent with the latest guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Friday February 25, 2022, which categorizes communities as low, medium, or high risk based on hospital beds being used, hospital admissions, and the total number of new COVID-19 cases in an area.

The community level for Miami-Dade County currently is medium. While masks are now optional, they are helpful in preventing infection and will continue to be needed in certain circumstances:

- Immunocompromised individuals or those who are at high risk for severe illness should continue to wear high-grade masks.
- Individuals who test positive must always wear a high-grade mask around others for a period of five days following their isolation period.
- Individuals who are experiencing COVID-like symptoms, regardless of test result, should wear a high-grade mask around others.
- Individuals who are identified as close contacts of COVID-positive subjects should wear masks until they have tested negative according to the protocol.
- There are different levels of vulnerability. Individuals who wish to wear a mask for their protection are encouraged to do so, and that decision should be respected by all members of our community. Our health and wellness protocols have been, and will continue to be, responsive to the latest trends and public health guidance. Should circumstances change, we will revise our protocols accordingly.
- Together, our collective efforts continue to move us closer to the end of this pandemic.

Your Campus President,

Aristides Maza Duerto



PREVENTION AND MITIGATION GUIDELINES ON CAMPUS

These guidelines are provisional and subject to change based on available recommendations from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), or directives from local or state agencies. Guidelines are enforced for the safety of the MAU Community.



Get Vaccinated.



Wear a Mask



Stay 6 Feet Apart



Wash Hands Often

Source: <https://www.cdc.gov>

Am I required to get vaccinated to be on campus?

COVID-19 vaccines are strongly encouraged, but at this time are not mandatory to be on campus. For your safety and the safety of others we urge you to get the vaccine as soon as possible.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/about-covid-19/caring-for-children/families.html>

COVID-19 Community Vaccination Sites: <http://miamidade.floridahealth.gov/important-information/documents/md-test-vac-sites.pdf>

If you are not vaccinated and are hesitant to get the vaccine due to questions or concerns, we advise that you read the information provided by the CDC, [here](#).

Do I need to wear a mask on campus?

Yes, face coverings are mandatory and must always be worn on campus, including during class sessions and breaks. [Learn how you can protect yourself and others from COVID-19, tips provided by the CDC.](#)



Always wear a mask over your nose and mouth. Face shields DO NOT replace face masks.

How to Store or Wash your Mask

Store your cloth mask properly and wash it regularly to keep it clean. Consider having more than one mask on hand so that you can easily replace a dirty mask with a clean one. Make sure to remove your mask correctly and wash your hands after touching a used mask.

[Read the CDC guide to masks.](#)

When Can I Take Off My Mask?

- When you are at home.
- When you are inside or outside eating or drinking, and you are practicing social distancing (maintaining 6 feet away from others).

Social Distancing on Campus

Corridors, we encourage that you stay away from corridors.

Elevator, max occupancy is 4 people per trip. Wash/disinfect your hands prior to using the elevator.

Lounge, keep chairs and tables as arranged to maintain social distancing.

Wash Has Often

Student, Faculty, and staff are encouraged to handwash your hands frequently. Follow [Five Steps to Wash Your Hands the Right Way](#). Handwashing is one of the best ways to protect yourself and others from getting sick. Use hand sanitizer when you can't use soap and water.

Student, Faculty, and staff are required to disinfect hands as soon as they walk into the building. Hand sanitizer at the entrance and other locations is provided.

What should I do if I am experiencing COVID-19 related symptoms?

Students, who are experiencing possible symptoms consistent with, or who have been potentially exposed to, COVID-19 should contact studentservices@maufl.edu and get immediately tested for COVID-19.

Faculty, who are experiencing possible symptoms consistent with, or who have been potentially exposed to, COVID-19 should contact tfitzgerald@maufl.edu or jpinto@maufl.edu and get immediately tested for COVID-19.

Staff, who are experiencing possible symptoms consistent with, or who have been potentially exposed to, COVID-19 should contact supervisor and get immediately tested for COVID-19.

Students, faculty, and staff are required to test negative for COVID-19 before returning to campus after experiencing exposure or symptoms from COVID-19.

COVID-19 Testing locations

Testing for Doral Residents

The City of Doral is sponsoring FREE drive-thru COVID-19 Viral Swab testing for City of Doral residents, 4 years of age and up.

Dates: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays

Times: 9:00am-1pm

Location: Doral Police Training & Community Center
3719 NW 97 AVE, Doral FL 33178

(next to Millennia Atlantic University)

Must provide proof of Doral residency

Testing for Miami-Dade County Residents

The City of Doral and Miami-Dade County have partnered to offer free COVID-19 drive thru testing to County residents (5 years of age or older).

Dates: Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays

Times: 12:00pm-8pm

Location: Doral Police Training & Community Center
3719 NW 97 AVE, Doral FL 33178

(next to Millennia Atlantic University)

For list of additional testing sites in all of Miami- Dade County, please visit: <https://www.miamidade.gov/global/initiatives/coronavirus/testing-locations.page>.

Cleaning and disinfecting

MAU maintains regular cleaning protocols.

Additionally, hand sanitizer and disposable alcohol wipes are available throughout campus so that commonly used surfaces (e.g., keyboards, desks, printers, tables) can be wiped down by anyone before and after use.

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