

Dear Quincy University community:

This message is the ninety-fourth update on Quincy University's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Some of you may be aware that, earlier today, Governor Pritzker responded to the rise in COVID-19 cases, including cases requiring hospitalization, with an order concerning facemasks and vaccination.

We have several questions regarding this order, including its specific application to Quincy University and our students, faculty, staff, and visitors. We are trying to get answers to these questions, and we appreciate your patience as we seek out more information from the State of Illinois.

As a result of what we already know about the Governor's order, **Quincy University will now have an indoor facemask mandate, beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, August 30, 2021. This mandate will apply to all vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals, including students, visitors, faculty, staff, and business partner employees.** The mandate will apply to all of us whenever we are indoors, with exceptions for eating and drinking and for personal grooming in the residence halls. Students may unmask when alone or with their roommates in the residence halls. Employees may unmask when alone in offices or private workspaces, unless otherwise directed by their supervisors.

Beginning on Monday, August 30, both vaccinated and unvaccinated students and employees will be expected to wear masks in the cafeteria, except when seated and while eating or drinking. We will provide additional guidance regarding use of the Health and Fitness Center in our next email update.

As a reminder, we already require that unvaccinated individuals be masked indoors at all times, with limited exceptions, and that all persons be masked in classrooms and laboratories at all times, unless an exception has been made by Dr. Reed, the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

We will pass along more information when we receive it, Hawks. Have a great evening.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian McGee, President

Dr. Christine Tracy, Vice President for Student Development

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