## On-Campus Mask Mandate Has Been Lifted - March 1, 2022

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has announced that it is no longer necessary for those in medium or low areas for COVID hospitalizations to wear masks. As you know, CSM has consistently followed the CDC guidance. Douglas County has been deemed a medium area for COVID.

The COVID Monitoring Team has provided recommendations, and the Senior Leadership Team has approved the following:

- CSM is lifting the mask mandate on-campus effective 3/1/22.
- CSM Community Members can personally choose if they want to wear a mask or not.
- Faculty may require masks within their classroom, and anyone can require masks within their individual offices.
- Faculty, staff, and students should continue to report COVID exposures and cases through Health Reporting | College of Saint Mary (csm.edu), to enable continuous monitoring of our on-campus prevalence in case of another upturn.
- The Monitoring Team will continue to publish the weekly COVID-19 dashboard report on myCSM.
- The Monitoring Team will continue to monitor the CDC guidance and Douglas County risk level and will bring forth any changes which may indicate the mask mandate should be reinstated to the Senior Leadership Team.

Stay Safe,

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