

**MESSAGES FROM VPR
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On Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 9:41 AM Robert Bernhard <Robert.J.Bernhard.9@nd.edu> wrote:
Dear Colleagues,

I write in collaboration with the Deans and Associate Deans to interpret the most recent University Covid policies for application to research labs, studios and cores.

The requirement that masks be worn in all spaces on campus, except in private offices and dorms, until 2 weeks after we have achieved a 90% level of booster vaccinations applies to labs, studios and cores. Exceptions are possible for situations such as where Covid transmission is unlikely and other safety considerations are paramount. Lab directors should seek approval for exceptions from the appropriate Associate Dean for Research or Melanie DeFord (for NDR units and the cores). Also, those who do not have private offices are allowed to remove their mask when actively eating and drinking, but they should socially distance when eating and remove their masks only for the minimum time required to eat and drink.

The masking requirement for research labs, studios and cores will be lifted when the University masking requirement is lifted. However, there may be certain labs where masking might continue. These include labs/studios/cores with immunocompromised members, members with vulnerable family members or other similar situations. Lab Directors have discretion to continue to require masking or to require more stringent procedures than required by the University for their research spaces.

This message is being distributed using an e-list that was generated in March 2020. If you know of new members of research labs, studios and cores who may not have received this message, please forward it to them. Those who desire to be added to this e-list should email Michael Hughes (mhughe24@nd.edu) in Notre Dame Research Communications. Alternatively, current members of the e-list can opt-out by clicking the link at the bottom of the email that begins "to unsubscribe from this group and stop receiving emails from it..."

Also, we continue to monitor the hotline that was established in 2020 for reporting violations and concerns. If you have concerns, please go [here](#) to report your concern.

Sincerely,

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