

We are at a tricky stage in the fight against COVID. While there is positive news about progress (vaccines are proving effective) we still have a way to go before this battle is won.

So what does this mean for us at Cincinnati State?

Generally, it means that as we continue moving toward a return to “normal” life, it is vital that each of us continues being personally responsible when it comes to COVID prevention, and also respectful of others.

Specifically, it means effective immediately we will be following a new set of COVID-19 guidelines on our campuses based on updated CDC and Ohio Department of Health recommendations:

- Scientific evidence is clear that vaccinations and facial coverings are the most effective weapons in the fight against COVID-19.
- Unvaccinated people should continue to protect themselves and others by wearing masks and maintaining six feet of physical distancing at all times indoors when not working alone in a room, or in a cubicle separated by six feet of distance from others.
- Unvaccinated people are no longer required to wear masks outside unless six feet of physical distancing cannot be maintained, and then they should continue to do so.
- Fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear masks either indoors or out.
- Also, please remember that not everyone is comfortable in a mask-less environment at the present time. So, for the sake of being understanding and tolerant, we ask that even if you are fully vaccinated, you try to wear a mask when you are inside and around other people in an environment where six feet of distance is not able to be maintained.

The great news is that COVID-19 vaccines have proven to be highly effective. If you have not yet gotten a vaccine, we urge you to do so. The more of us that are vaccinated, the sooner we can return to a fully mask-less environment, and in the meantime save lives.

For more information about scheduling a vaccine appointment, visit <https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/health/covid-19/vaccine-information-sign-up>.