

Faculty and staff,

Over the past few days, state and federal guidance has shifted quickly toward removing mask mandates for those who have been fully vaccinated for Covid-19.

As we receive further specific guidance from the state, Longwood expects over the next few weeks to update the various elements of our Emergency Workplace policy going forward into the summer and the coming academic year.

In the meantime, the Governor's Office this morning issued the following communication to all state employees. This email confirms for state employees who are fully vaccinated (last shot plus two weeks) that they do not have to wear masks in most outdoor or indoor settings, including in the office environment. Any employees who have not been vaccinated should continue to wear face coverings.

Pending further state guidance, certain specific guidelines related to areas of campus such as dining service and the Health and Fitness Center will remain in place for now. These areas are aware of who they are, and will be responsible for continuing to display proper signage.

We appreciate everyone continuing to show grace and patience during this phase of transition back toward normalcy.

Above all, we encourage anyone who so far has chosen not to be vaccinated to do so. The latest guidance is based on now-overwhelming evidence that the vaccines are safe, and powerfully prevent both developing the virus and spreading it to others.

Local pharmacies continue to offer walk-in appointments. There's also a walk-in clinic from 4-6 p.m. tomorrow (Tuesday, May 18) at Prince Edward County Middle School (Pfizer first shots, ages 12+), and at the PEFYA Gym (2750 Lane Street) on Wednesday from 1-7 p.m. (Pfizer first and second shots, ages 12+).

Thanks,

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