UAS Fall Semester and COVID - Updates, Questions, and Answers
## COVID Community Risk Levels

![COVID Community Risk Levels](image)

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[UNIVERSITY of ALASKA SOUTHEAST](image)
COVID Levels Across Alaska (8/11/22)
New CDC Guidance (8/11/2022)

- No difference in COVID protocols based on vaccination status
- No more quarantine after exposure
- No more contact tracing except in high-risk settings
- No more “test-to-stay” protocols in K-12 schools
- No more “surveillance testing” strategies
New CDC Guidance

- Get Vaccinated
- Get boosted as soon as you are able
- Isolate (min 5 days) if you have COVID
- Universal indoor masking if the COVID level is high
- Mask:
  - if you have been exposed
  - if you have underlying health conditions
  - If you are around vulnerable people
CDC Guidance:
If you test positive...

- Isolate immediately
- Continue for 5 days
- End after 5 days if:
  - no fever for 24 hours
  - and other symptoms have reduced
- Masking required for 5 days after isolation
CDC Guidance: If you are exposed to COVID...

- Wear a mask as soon as you find out
- Continue for 10 days
- Watch for symptoms
  - Isolate immediately, get tested
  - Stay off campus until symptoms are gone and a negative test
- If no symptoms, get tested on day 6
“Layered Protection” at UAS

- Strongly encourage vaccination, and require it for our residential students.
- Restrict access to anyone who is symptomatic.
- Require masking in classrooms and instructional areas.
- Seek physical distancing in classrooms and hallways.
- Provide cleaning supplies and encourage good hygiene.
- Provide good ventilation indoors and encourage outdoor gathering and activities.
UAS Policies: Notification

If COVID symptomatic or having a positive test result:

• Employees must inform their supervisor and not come to campus (and contact uas.virusresponse@alaska.edu)
• Residential students must stay in their assigned residence and inform the housing office
• Non-Residential Students, visitors and contractors will not come to campus and should contact uas.virusresponse@alaska.edu if they have been on campus in the previous 48 hours

This notification requirement is under review given the new guidance
UAS Policies: Masking

- Everyone is expected to **have** a face covering available
- Face coverings are required to be **worn**:
  - after exposure or isolation
  - in classrooms
  - in other indoor instructional spaces
  - in the student health and counseling spaces
  - in University provided transportation
  - in approved and posted indoor gathering spaces or events
  - as requested by an employee in offices or workspaces where 6’ distancing cannot easily be maintained.

- **Face coverings are optional (safe and welcome) in all other situations**
FAQ Time!
Frequently Asked Questions

- Are UAS campuses safe?
  - YES!

- What should I do if I learn someone in my class may have COVID?
  - uas.virusresponse@alaska.edu
FAQ: Masks

- Do my students have to wear masks?
  - Yes

- Do I have to wear one?
  - Yes

- What do I do if a student refuses to properly wear a face covering?
  - Contact the Dean of Students

https://online.uas.alaska.edu/pub/maskpolicy
FAQ: Other measures

- Do we have to practice physical distancing?
  - As much as you can, yes

- Should I open the windows?
  - If you can comfortably do so, yes

- What about “enhanced cleaning”?
  - If you like, but the risk is very low
FAQ: Campus Access

- What should I do if someone in my class is sick?
  - Send them home!

- Will I have to quarantine if I am exposed to someone with COVID?
  - Not anymore

- What if a student can't come to class because of COVID restrictions?
  - Arrange a temporary accommodation
FAQ: Contacts

- **Who should I contact to explore classroom setup options?**
  - Nathan Leigh, Facilities Services Director: nleigh1@alaska.edu or 796-6487

- **What if I have specific safety or other COVID-related concerns?**
  - Ryan Sand, Emergency Management Planner: rgsand@alaska.edu or 796-6015
  - Michael Ciri, COVID Incident Commander: michal.ciri@alaska.edu or 796-6570
Closing thoughts from Fall 2020
 stil applies today)

UAS encourages everyone to extend and assume:

- **Flexibility**
  - seek alternate working arrangements to accommodate life demands

- **Adaptability**
  - be prepared to change with changing conditions

- **Sustainability**
  - find what will work in the longer term

- **Integrity**
  - model integrity and assume it in others

- **Grace & Compassion**
  - we all are doing the best we can under extraordinary conditions
Q & A?