

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-STOUT
ORDER OF CHANCELLOR FRANK

DATE OF ORDER: January 10, 2022
Goes into effect January 24, 2022

CHANCELLOR'S ORDER ON MASK USE AND TESTING TO MINIMIZE SPREAD OF COVID-19

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), local health departments and healthcare professionals continue to cite risk reduction strategies as our state and counties strive to vaccinate people as quickly as possible and as the threats of widespread virus variants loom.

UW-Stout is working in cooperation with health officials to slow and prevent the spread of COVID-19 virus without requiring people stay in their homes. There continues to be concerning trends with COVID-19 in Dunn County. As of January 5, Dunn County remains in high transmission status with 301 cases of COVID-19, a 17.65% positivity rate, and 2 new hospitalizations. Dunn County is at a 49.6% fully vaccinated rate.

Based upon the foregoing, I, Katherine Frank, Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Stout, by the authority vested in me by the Laws of the State of Wisconsin, including, but not limited to, Wis. Stat. sec. 36, and Wis. Admin. Code secs. UWS 17-18¹, order the following as necessary to prevent, suppress, and control the spread of COVID-19 on our campus:

1. Face Coverings. Face covering means a piece of cloth or other material that is worn to cover the nose and mouth completely. A face covering must be secured to the head with ties, ear loops, or elastic bands that go behind the head and must fit snugly, but comfortably, against the side of the face. Cloth face coverings must be made with two or more layers of breathable fabric that is tightly woven (i.e., fabrics that do not let light pass through when held up to a light source). A face covering does not include bandanas, single layer neck gaiters, face shields, goggles, scarves, ski masks, balaclavas, shirt or sweater collars pulled up over the mouth and nose, or masks with slits, exhalation valves, or punctures, as public health experts have determined that these types of coverings are ineffective at preventing respiratory droplets from entering the air.

a. Face Covering Required. Every individual, regardless of vaccination status, who enters campus lands shall wear a face covering:

- i. In all indoor public spaces, except students in their assigned residence hall rooms and employees when alone in a private, unshared office or lab;
- ii. While riding a campus shuttle or when two or more people are present in a university vehicle.

b. Exceptions. Requests for exceptions to this order should be made to Disability Services for students and to Human Resources for employees and will be evaluated on an individualized basis utilizing the interactive reasonable accommodations process.

¹ This order is being issued pursuant to the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Wisconsin and applicable policies in the University of Wisconsin System, including but not limited to: Wis. Stats. ss. 36.11(1)(a) and (c), 36.09(1)(a), (f) and (L), 36.35(2) and 101.11; Wis. Admin. Code ss. UWS 18.11(6)(a) and (7)(e), UWS 18.08(9)(b), UWS 18.13, UWS 17.09(1), (14) and (15); and Regent Policy 23-2.

2. Testing. All students, faculty, and staff of UW-Stout who are not fully vaccinated for COVID-19 and who are on campus at any time for any reason are required to be tested every other week. Anyone experiencing symptoms, vaccinated or not, must also be tested.

- a. **Availability.** Testing will be free and readily available to all students, faculty, and staff.
- b. **Exceptions.** Requests for exceptions to this order should be made to the Dean of Students for students and to Human Resources for employees and will be evaluated on an individualized basis utilizing the interactive reasonable accommodations process.

3. Enforcement. The UW-Stout Human Resources Department, Dean of Students Office, University Housing, and Police Department are authorized to enforce this order. Violations may result in employee discipline or student discipline citation and/or fine under UWS Chapter 17 and/or 18; UW-Stout Faculty, Academic Staff, and Limited Appointees handbook; and UW-Stout Workplace Expectations and Disciplinary Guidelines.

4. Severability. If any provision of this order or its application to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, then the remainder of the order, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this order are severable.

5. Duration. This order becomes effective January 24, 2022. The order/policy will expire at the end of the day on March 11, 2022, unless extended, terminated, or otherwise modified based on changing conditions related the COVID-19 Delta (or other) variants, including but not limited to changes in CDC guidance, state and local public health conditions, and campus safety.