

UWL update to COVID-19 protocols

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Greetings UWL students, faculty and staff,

The state of Wisconsin, and the La Crosse region continue to make good progress with vaccinations. (*Vaccination information can be found at <https://www.uwlax.edu/info/covid-19/vaccination/>.*) Our campus leadership team is pleased to share with you our latest campus protocol updates effective immediately:

Face coverings are no longer required indoors for all fully-vaccinated individuals. There will be a small number of programs with program-specific protocols that differ from CDC guidance, such as youth camps and conferences. Please check with your division head if you have any questions.

COVID room capacity and group size limitations are lifted starting 7/8/2021. Over the month of July, UWL will be removing physical distancing signage/stickers and barriers, and returning furniture to original locations. Spaces are now available for reservation using regular (pre-pandemic) procedures. Classrooms, Murphy Library, recreation and sports spaces, performance and gathering areas, etc. will all be available for normal capacity.

We recognize, as a campus community, that there will be individuals who continue using face coverings for a wide range of reasons. **We will continue to honor those who wear face coverings regardless of their reasoning.** Indeed, we hope our community will consider masks to be a simple but valuable tool going forward when experiencing symptoms of any contagious illness. As always, we will continue to watch local, state, and global trends with a close eye. We will be ready to adapt if the need arises.

We appreciate the high level of vaccination and the ability for the campus to function once again in the ways we enjoy most,