

FAQs associated with The COVID-19 Action Team March 10, 2022, Message

Q: Why are we moving away from face coverings being required in all buildings?

A. As we have done throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we are following the science and recommendations by the CDC, CDPH and the County of San Diego. Each of these entities has shifted from “requiring” to “strongly recommending” face coverings.

Q. Why are we still requiring face coverings in classrooms, labs and libraries?

A. Although face covering requirements have been reduced, the campus community has many vulnerable populations who are at higher risk for COVID-19 infections. To protect the most vulnerable members of our community, we will continue to require face coverings during in-person classes, labs, in libraries, the Student Health Center, on Torero trams and when using other university vehicles. While all other indoor settings do not require face coverings, they are strongly recommended.

Q. Why are we stopping the random COVID-19 testing at the same time we are removing face coverings requirements in non-instructional settings?

A. Although we are stopping the random testing of the vaccinated/boosted population, we will continue the weekly testing of the exempt campus community members. This will continue to provide a baseline of the campus positivity rate in case we see a significant increase in infection rates on campus and need to make further adjustments to our protocols.

Q. Are face coverings required at indoor events?

A. According to [CDPH guidelines](#), unless the event has more than 1,000 attendees indoors, face coverings are not required, but are strongly recommended. If the event has more than 1,000 attendees, proof of vaccination is required or a negative COVID test.

Q. When will the change in face coverings and testing be in place?

A. If the campus does not see a significant increase in COVID-19 cases following spring break, the new protocols will be effective Monday, March 28.

Q. I am an international student studying abroad, do these same protocols apply?

A. Students studying abroad must adhere to the protocols at the institutions and countries in which they are studying.

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