

November 15 COVID Case Data Update

As we begin the fourteenth week of classes, we would like to share the following reminders and updates regarding COVID:

COVID Testing and Cases on Campus

For the week of November 7 – November 13:

- 49 COVID tests were done at Cosiano
- 7 new positive cases were identified (there were 18 additional active positive cases continuing from the previous week)
- 29 Moderna vaccines were administered

Please remember that if you test positive for COVID, you need to inform the Cosiano Health Center (419-434-4550) so contact tracing can be initiated. Instructors are also being asked to keep seating charts for classes in order to assist with the contact tracing process. If you are a UF Employee, please also contact Human Resources (419-434-6964) to determine if work accommodations or leave options are needed.

Federal Vaccine Mandate

Earlier this month, the Biden Administration [announced details](#) to the previously announced vaccine mandate for employers with 100 or more employees. The top-level details are as follows:

- Companies must ensure either that their employees are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by Jan. 4, or that employees test negative for COVID-19 at least once a week;
- Workers must receive paid time off to get vaccinated;
- Employers do not need to pay for testing;
- Unvaccinated people must wear masks; and
- Under a separate rule, health care workers will not have the option to test instead of being vaccinated.

The Association for Independent Colleges and Universities of Ohio is currently reviewing the mandate to provide guidance to member institutions. Additionally, the Emergency Operations Team is discussing the mandate. Additional information regarding the mandate will be shared as guidance is received and reviewed by the EOT.

Vaccinations and Boosters

You can contact the following locations for COVID vaccine and booster availability information:

- Kroger: www.kroger.com/ohiocovidvaccine or by calling 866-211-5320
- CVS: www.cvs.com/vaccine/intake/store/covid-screener/covid-qns or by calling 1-800-746-7287
- Walgreens: www.walgreens.com/covidvaccine
- Rite Aid : <http://riteaid.com/ohio>

- Meijer: <https://clinic.meijer.com/>
- Walmart: walmart.com/covidvaccine

Face Coverings are Required Indoors

We have been receiving quite a few concerns regarding people not following the face covering campus policy. ***Wearing face coverings indoors is REQUIRED per the following policy:***

Anyone (including but not limited to all students, employees, contractors, vendors, suppliers and visitors) entering any campus building, including office buildings, academic buildings, recreational facilities, and housing facilities, must wear an appropriate face covering.

- The face covering must be worn in all classrooms, hallways, public spaces, and common areas, as well as shared office spaces.

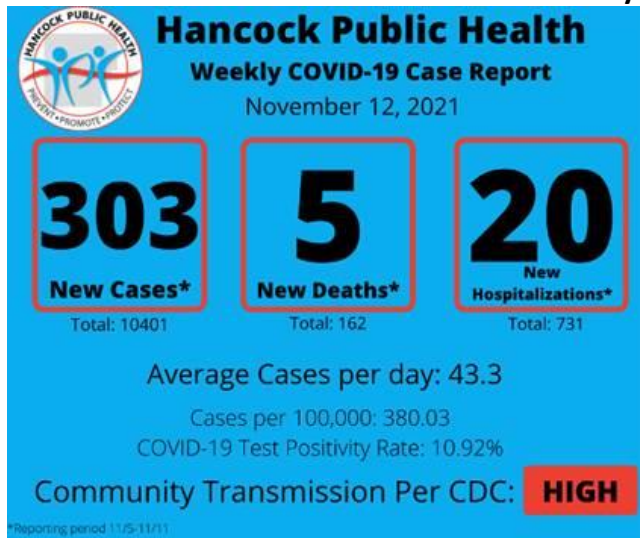
The only times face coverings are not required to be worn are as follows:

- When outside.
- By employees working alone in their offices.
- By resident students in their own on campus housing area (visitors to housing areas must wear face coverings).
- When participating in activities in which a face covering cannot be worn or would prohibit respiratory function (while in the act of eating, drinking, playing a musical instrument or singing, exercising, playing sports).
- By individuals with a federally recognized disability and/or an accommodation that prevents them from wearing a face covering. Exceptions from the state government or other federal guidelines may also apply. Those that need accommodations should contact [Human Resources](#) (employees) or the [Office of Accommodation and Inclusion](#) (students).

Contact Tracing Information

- Universities follow different guidelines than K-12 schools (e.g. a close contact is labeled as one closer than 6 ft for 15 minutes or more total time in the day regardless of wearing a face covering).
- Fully vaccinated individuals who get classified as a close contact do not need to quarantine. Instead, they should wear a face covering for 14 days from the last date of contact. Cosiano must have proof of vaccination.
- Non-vaccinated asymptomatic close contacts may now quarantine for 7 days after the last date of contact and then test between days 5-7. If they test negative and still have no symptoms on day 7, they may be released from quarantine starting on day 8. They should wear a mask for 14 days from last date of contact.
- The UF Telehealth department will continue to do contact tracing for UF students/employees.
- Cosiano does have home tests that they can provide to asymptomatic people.
- Individuals required to quarantine should quarantine in place.
- Individuals required to isolate are encouraged to do so at home.

Current COVID Information for Hancock County



Given that Hancock County continues to have a classification of “HIGH” for community transmission, we would advise the use of face coverings indoors off campus too.

We will continue to share updates as needed, and appreciate your cooperation. Thank you for your help in keeping Oiler Nation healthy.

Regards,

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