



University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences Campus Entry Protocol Mask Changes Effective March 16 Frequently Asked Questions

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This Q&A includes general responses to frequently asked questions regarding the on-campus mask changes effective May 9, 2022. For more specific answers and details regarding procedures, please reach out to reentry@usa.edu or contact your local campus Human Resources partner (faculty and staff) or academic program director (students) directly.

Q: What changes have been made to the USAHS mask policy?

Effective May 9, 2022, the use of face masks is **optional** in **all campus facilities**. We continue to encourage the use of masks for our pro-bono clinics where at-risk patients participate. Please refer to the [Campus Reentry page](#) for updated, detailed policies and procedures.

Q: Why is USAHS making this change to its mask policy?

The University continues to follow CDC guidelines and protocols for health care professionals/settings. In addition, COVID-19 virus levels have decreased surrounding all five campus communities in Florida, Texas and California, enabling USAHS to make this change.

Q: Can I choose to wear a mask on campus?

We must respect the decision made by each student, employee and visitor. Acceptance and courtesy are expected from all members of the University community. The University will supply three-ply, surgical/procedural masks to anyone who needs or asks for them.

Q: What campus locations are affected?

All five USAHS campuses in California, Texas and Florida are included in the updated policy. For specific examples of room location protocols, please reference this chart:

	Students	Faculty and Staff	Visitors
Classrooms		Masks optional	
Labs		Masks optional	
CICP		Masks optional	
Student Lounges		Masks optional	
Library		Masks optional	
Employee Break Rooms	N/A	Masks optional	N/A
Study Rooms		Masks optional	N/A
Conference Rooms		Masks optional	
Employee Offices		Masks optional	
Guided Tours		Masks optional	
Outdoor Campus Areas		Masks optional	
Pro Bono Clinics		Masks encouraged	
Patient Activities		Masks encouraged	