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Memo

To Providence Campus Community

From Marie Bernardo-Sousa, LP.D. '92

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Re Updated Mask Wearing Protocol

Since the pandemic began in 2020, Johnson & Wales University has instituted protocols and procedures based on the guidance we have received from public health and government officials. As more of Rhode Island's population has become fully vaccinated against the coronavirus, most of the restrictions that have been put into place have been modified or lifted. Recently, state government announced new guidelines regarding mask wearing that has informed our decision to revise our protocol for the JWU community.

Effective immediately, all JWU staff, faculty and students who are fully vaccinated for COVID-19 (have received one or two doses of the vaccine, in accordance with the number of doses recommended by the manufacturer and 14 days have passed since the final dose) are no longer required to wear a mask indoors or outdoors on campus; however, all passengers and drivers of Wildcat Wheels, the campus' bus transportation system, are required to wear masks regardless of their COVID vaccination status.

For those who are fully vaccinated and feel more comfortable wearing a mask, we encourage them to continue to do so. The mask wearing requirement indoors on campus remains in place for those who are not fully vaccinated or have chosen not to be vaccinated. Those who are not vaccinated are strongly encouraged to wear their mask outdoors in crowded settings where they are less than six feet apart from others. In addition, visitors to our campus will be informed of our policy and asked to abide by this revised mask wearing protocol. Please remember, there are many [reasons](#) why people are wearing masks.

For more information on the state's requirements for mask wearing, social distancing, and capacity restrictions, visit: <https://covid.ri.gov/>.

The revised mask wearing guidance is a welcome indication that life is slowly returning to normal. Your continued diligence and compliance to health protocols throughout the pandemic have protected yourself and those around you as we remain **#InThisTogetherJWU**.