Subject: Reminder: PA mask mandate ends June 28

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**From:** Office of the President

To: SRU Stakeholder

June 25, 2021

Dear Colleagues,

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer weather and spending time with family and friends as our communities begin to return to pre-pandemic activities and many of you prepare to return – in-person – to the University beginning July 6.

With that in mind, I wanted to remind everyone that the state's mask mandate will be lifted June 28.

What this means is that all persons – whether fully vaccinated or not – will no longer be required to wear a face mask either inside or outside of any University buildings. However, SRU will continue to require masking in designated spaces, for example, the Student Health Center, Mass Testing Center and Student Counseling Center. Designated spaces on campus that will require masking will be marked as such.

As face masks have been proven to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus, many people may wish to continue to wear them even if they are fully vaccinated. SRU encourages anyone who wishes to continue to wear a face mask to do so.

In conjunction with the elimination of masks, if any department or office has either the "Stop! Face Covering Required!," "Stop! Please Wait Here," or "Please Knock Before Entering" signage that the University provided, those should be removed on June 28 as well.

SRU is an extraordinary place. The great work of our dedicated faculty and staff allowed us to maintain our community during the past 15 months. Now that the worst seems to be behind us, I look forward to the return of in-person work – and the return of our students in the fall – as an opportunity for our University to continue to thrive.

I am excited to see everyone soon and to continue celebrating our successes, our students, and our Rock-Solid community, in person, with a firm grasp on our future.

Sincerely,

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