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Dear Westminster Community,

I hope this email finds you well and ready for a fantastic 2020-2021 Academic Year. With the first day of classes approaching on Wednesday, I am reaching out with important information regarding our COVID-19 policies and procedures, with special attention to our mandatory mask policy.

Everyone should be familiar with and follow current COVID-19 prevention strategies as outlined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): [How to Protect Yourself & Others](#). Additionally, you can access videos created by Katey Gipson, our Coordinator for Safety and Compliance, on [Canvas](#) that outline how to wash your hands for optimum sterilization and properly wear a mask.

Westminster's Mask Policy

All individuals are required to wear masks/face coverings — defined as a material that keeps the nose and mouth covered — in all situations while indoors on campus and outdoors when physical distancing is not possible. The locations where masks are required include all hallways; when entering a classroom; in Reeves Library; in common areas of residential halls, Mueller Leadership Hall, Backer Dining Room, and Johnson College Inn, except when seated and eating; and in all other campus buildings.

Exceptions to the above policy include the following:

- When you are alone in a private workspace or office.
- When you are in your residence hall room or apartment/townhome.
- When you are outdoors and maintaining six feet or more of physical distance from others, unless you are attending a college-sponsored event with a mask requirement.
- When participating in athletic practice, conditioning, and/or a competition, as per NCAA guidelines.
- When exercising either indoors or outdoors while maintaining physical distancing.

I would like to encourage you to familiarize yourself with the COVID-19 portion of the Westminster College [website](#), as we will continue to monitor any possible changes throughout the campus, surrounding community, and state. Our policies and procedures are updated as needed.

Thank you for doing your part in keeping our campus and community safe!

Sincerely,

Kasi Lacey

Vice President and Dean of Student Life