

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Dear Meredith community,

In acknowledgment of improving COVID-19 metrics on campus, in Wake County, and across N.C., Meredith College will further relax our community standards later this week.

Effective at 5 p.m. on Friday, March 4, 2022:

- **Masks are encouraged but will be optional in indoor spaces on campus, with the exception of classrooms, clinical spaces such as Carroll Hall and athletic training rooms, designated spaces in the Learning Center, and childcare facilities.** We recognize that many individuals will continue to wear face coverings for many reasons. While units or departments should not put face-covering requirements in place that are stricter than the policy at the college-wide level, individual employees can designate the mask-wearing preference in their private offices through a door sign that is available through the [MyMeredith/Marketing page](#) under the heading COVID-19 campus signage. We encourage everyone to carry a mask, so you can respectfully comply with these preferences.
- **The Lowery Fitness center will be mask-optional during open hours.**
- **The daily use of CampusClear to check for symptoms is required and will continue to be monitored by Student Health Services and Human Resources; CampusClear will no longer be checked at the front gate.**
- **The Faircloth gate will reopen on Friday at 5 p.m. and return to normal opening/closing hours, which are 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.**

Spring Break and Beyond

Provided COVID metrics continue to improve, **we expect to move to mask optional in most classrooms at 8 a.m. on Monday, March 21.** Normal guest policies for the Oaks will begin on Monday, March 21, and on Thursday, March 24, for residence halls. Details will be sent to all resident students.

Quarantine and isolation are still required as indicated by Human Resources and Student Health, and our current quarantine and isolation policies will remain in effect.

One of the things we have learned during the last two years is that on-campus cases tend to spike after breaks. For this reason, we urge you to take precautions, so you can enjoy a safe and healthy spring break and a healthy return to classes and activities.

Vaccinations and Boosters

With the relaxing of these standards, personal responsibility to take precautions to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 will be more important than ever. The strongest measure you can take

to protect yourself and others is to stay up-to-date on your COVID-19 vaccinations. Meredith requires [COVID-19 vaccination](#) and is strongly recommending boosters. If you are eligible for vaccination and/or booster, you could use this time before spring break to get the appropriate shot for you. If you have not already uploaded your booster information to the [portal](#), please do so.

COVID-19 Testing

Required testing on campus continues for those students required to do so.

We are grateful to the entire Meredith community for the perseverance, resilience, and care you have demonstrated for each other throughout this pandemic. Please continue to check your email and the Staying Strong site for updates.

-The Executive Leadership Team