

Dear Colleagues,

Since March of 2020, the COVID pandemic has imposed a number of changes on teaching and learning at Notre Dame. We reaffirm the value of in-person instruction as the primary mode in which we offer courses, even as we hope to retain the best of our adaptations to support effective learning in the months ahead. Instructors and students may have questions about expectations in the semester ahead. Guidance for the conduct of courses for Spring 2022 follows the [guidance offered for Fall 2021](#) with the exception of the recently announced campus-wide masking requirement.

For your convenience, a summary of that guidance follows:

- All courses scheduled to meet in person will be held in person in their regularly scheduled classrooms at their regularly scheduled times.
- As communicated in the [Spring Semester COVID-19 Protocols Update](#) message of December 31, 2021, masking is required in all indoor spaces with the exception of private offices and residence halls. This masking requirement necessarily applies to indoor instructional/learning environments. The masking requirement will be in effect until 90 percent of the campus community has achieved the full protection of an approved booster – note that full protection is acquired two weeks after an individual receives the booster.
- Instructors and students should continue to follow pre-pandemic practices for missed classes due to illness or other excused absences, including quarantine and isolation (Q&I). Students in quarantine or isolation are responsible for contacting their instructors regarding missed classes or assignments. Instructors may use the [Instructor Q/I Report](#) to learn which students may be absent from class for quarantine/isolation purposes, as reported to the University. Other, non-Q&I related medical absences will continue to be approved through the existing University Health Service procedures.
- Instructors required to quarantine or isolate who are feeling sufficiently healthy to teach online may pivot their courses temporarily to remote instruction using Zoom for the period of their quarantine/isolation.
- As communicated at the beginning of the fall semester, instructors should not offer courses in “dual-mode” (simultaneous live meeting in person and online). If students request permission to attend live classes remotely, instructors must refer them to the [Center for Student Support and Care](#) for review of their request.
- Learning technologies are intended to enhance the in-person experience. Recording and sharing class meetings, when pedagogically appropriate and when technology is available, is encouraged. Providing learning materials in digital format is encouraged.

Naturally, these guidelines cannot address every emergent possibility. We encourage you to rely on your Dean’s Office as the first source of advice in disruptive situations.

We look forward to a successful semester and thank you for the many ways in which you help strengthen the academic environment at the University.

Sincerely,

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