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Dear Quincy College Students:

We hope this email finds you all enjoying a safe and happy summer. We are grateful you have chosen Quincy College and look forward to our upcoming Fall semester. With the start of classes next week, we write to share important updates regarding College health and safety protocols. The College has continuously monitored CDC and state guidelines as they have been evolving. **At this time, the College is reinstating its policy regarding masks. Faculty, staff, students and campus visitors will be required to wear masks* when in any campus building (Presidents Place, Saville, and Plymouth).** This applies to everyone whether or not fully vaccinated. This applies when sharing an office with others, attending any assembly, classroom, laboratory or any space occupied by others when the parties are not able to maintain a safe social distance of at least six feet from one another.

This policy is effective tomorrow, Wednesday, August 25th. *Students who are unable to wear a mask for prolonged periods of time should consult with the office of Student Accessibility Services.

For informational purposes, the current CDC guidelines include:

- If you are not fully vaccinated, you should wear a mask in indoor public places.
- In general, you do not need to wear a mask in outdoor settings.
 - In areas with [high numbers of COVID-19 cases](#), consider wearing a mask in crowded outdoor settings and for activities with [close contact](#) with others who are not fully vaccinated.
- People who have a condition or are taking medications that weaken their immune system may not be fully protected even if they are fully vaccinated. They should continue to take all [precautions recommended for unvaccinated people, including wearing a well-fitted mask](#), until advised otherwise by their healthcare provider.
- If you are fully vaccinated, to maximize protection from the Delta variant and prevent possibly spreading it to others, wear a mask indoors in public if you are in an area [of substantial or high transmission](#).

At this time the College is not mandating that students be vaccinated; however, we recommend that you consult with your health care provider as such precautionary action has proved helpful in preventing the spread of the virus and its variants.

We will continue to monitor the State, CDC and public health guidance and adjust the College policies as necessary.

We appreciate your commitment to our Community and the health and safety of one another. Thank you again for choosing Quincy College and we look forward to a successful year with meaningful connections and a spirited campus. For now, please enjoy the remaining days of summer.