



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Dear UNE Community,

I am writing with a brief update as our community continues to return to our campuses for the spring semester.

Regarding double masking (or use of a single N95, KN95, or KF94 mask), we will return to requiring single masks for students, employees, and visitors on January 24, once undergraduate students have completed their first week back on campus. Those who returned to campus sooner may single mask after double-masking for their first full week back to campus. Please note that the COVID-19 Response Committee has added KF94 masks to the list of masks that are acceptable for single use during individuals' first week back.

Due to the extremely contagious nature of the Omicron variant, medical experts increasingly recommend that people upgrade their masks from cloth masks to surgical masks or higher-level respirators such as KN95s, KF94s, or N95s. We encourage you to consider doing so as well and to ensure that your mask fits snugly around your nose and mouth.

The COVID-19 Response Committee will continue to closely monitor the situation. Thank you for your continued cooperation, and I look forward to seeing you on campus.

Sincerely,

James D. Herbert
President