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To: Ohio State University Vendors & Contractors

From: Kristine Devine, Vice President of Operations & Deputy CFO  
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**RE: Updates to COVID-19 Mask Requirements for Contractors and Vendors**

Thank you for your partnership as we have navigated through the global pandemic. Based on the changes to federal and health guidance, The Ohio State University is making the following adjustments to its mask requirements:

- **Outdoor masking:** Effective immediately, fully vaccinated people do not need to wear a mask outdoors on Ohio State campuses. The university continues to strongly recommend that unvaccinated people wear masks when they cannot maintain safe distancing. Note that individuals are fully vaccinated 14 days after their final dose of vaccine.
- **Indoor masking:** Masks are still required indoors. This includes enclosed spaces on construction sites. We will continue to closely monitor conditions and hope to lift the indoor mask requirement in the fall if the vaccination rate among the university community is sufficiently high.

Please continue to advise individuals on your team that anyone feeling sick or with a fever must not report to work at Ohio State. Further, anyone who has signs or symptoms of respiratory illness consistent with coronavirus, has been exposed to an individual with coronavirus, or has been diagnosed with the virus should contact his or her primary care physician and must not report to work at Ohio State.

Safety remains a top priority and we appreciate your efforts on projects or daily work that support our campus.