

*Sent on Behalf of the Executive Leadership Team*

Dear Faculty and Staff:

As the opening of the academic year approaches, Meredith expects to return to a more normal state of operations for the fall semester.

Because the health and safety of our campus community remain our highest priority, the following standards are in place for 2022-23:

- Meredith College [requires proof of COVID-19 vaccination](#) from all students and employees (without an approved medical or religious exemption).
- Masks are always permitted and even encouraged but are optional in indoor spaces on campus, with the exception of clinical spaces such as Carroll Hall and athletic training rooms, designated spaces in the Learning Center, and childcare facilities. The Lowery Fitness center is mask-optional during open hours.
- Some faculty may request that students still wear masks while in their classes. Some individuals will continue to request that masks be worn in their private office spaces or rooms.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) released new guidance late yesterday, August 11, regarding COVID-19. College leaders are working to digest the new guidelines and update our campus resources, including the Staying Strong website. More information will be shared with employees and students soon.

In the meantime, please continue efforts to protect yourself and others by self-monitoring for COVID-19 symptoms, maintaining physical distance, and frequently washing hands.

Thank you for your attention to this important information.