WSU Facial Coverings Requirements
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Washington State University (WSU) is adopting the guidance set forth in Governor Inslee’s Proclamation 20-25.13: Healthy Washington: Roadmap to Recovery, Proclamation 21-08: Safe Workers, Order of the Secretary of Health Amending Order 20-03: Face Coverings Statewide, Washington State Department of Labor and Industries, and the Centers for Disease Control regarding facial coverings and social distancing. This new guidance relates only to face coverings and social distancing and may be replaced or supplemented by WSU’s vaccine requirement for the fall 2021 semester. At this time, attestation is still required, but that policy will be evaluated in the coming weeks.

Any WSU employees, students, or visitors, who wish to no longer wear a facial covering or distance while on a WSU location will be required to provide proof of being fully vaccinated for COVID-19, defined as two weeks after the last shot in a vaccine series. Effective May 27, 2021, the following verification processes will be implemented.

WSU students
Area leads and/or their designee(s) and in-classroom faculty are permitted to verify the vaccination status of any student entering their area or facility without a facial covering. If a student declines to provide verification of their vaccination status, they must put on a facial covering and maintain distance or leave the WSU location. Students not wearing facial coverings who have provided proof of vaccination to WSU may still be required to provide proof prior to entering a different WSU facility (i.e. the Student Recreation Center (SRC), dining facilities, libraries, residence halls, etc.)

The following will be accepted as proof of vaccination:

- A CDC vaccination card (which includes name of person vaccinated, type of vaccine provided, and date last dose administered), OR
- A photo of a CDC vaccination card as a separate document or a photo of the attendee's vaccine card stored on a phone or electronic device, OR
- Documentation of vaccination from a health care provider or state immunization information system record

Students who provide falsified and/or misleading information regarding vaccination status shall be referred for action under the standards of conduct for students. Only supervisors, area leads, in-classroom instructors, and/or their designees with responsibility for oversight of WSU facilities may verify vaccination status. Employees, students, and visitors shall not assume this responsibility, but may contact a supervisor and/or area leads to express concerns over an individual's facial covering and/or distancing behavior. Supervisors, area leads, in-classroom instructors, and/or their designees are not permitted to ask for reasons why an individual is or is not vaccinated.