

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Dear Colleagues,

We have looked forward to this letter for a long time.

## **We are Cautiously Optimistic as we Thank you for your vigilance.**

As the threat from COVID continues to diminish, we are pleased to announce the easing of our COVID safety protocols here at North Central State College.

Beginning on Monday, April 4, 2022 the following changes will go into effect:

- Masks will be optional within all NC State buildings.
- Meetings and events can take place in-person at 50% capacity for the given space.
- Overnight cleaning and disinfection will continue.
- Increased ventilation and filtration will continue in all buildings.

We ask you to continue with the following:

- Maintain distancing within classrooms and lab spaces whenever possible.
- Keep Plexiglas partitions in place for the foreseeable future.
- Wash your hands frequently.
- Monitor your health. If you are sick, please remain home.
- If you are exposed to someone with COVID, continue to follow the [CDC quarantine guidelines](#).

Thank you for your efforts to keep each other safe throughout these past months. The Center for Disease Control currently lists Ashland and Richland Counties as “medium” on their COVID-19 Community Level map. Crawford is listed as “low”. This means that county wide, our region is experiencing fewer positive cases and hospitalizations. It also means that masks are no longer recommended/required as indicated in the [CDC guidelines published last week](#).

The protocols implemented this school year have helped us remain open for our students, and we have had significantly fewer positive cases than the rest of our area has experienced. The last two years were challenging. They were difficult. Let us hope that the worst is behind us, so that we can spend less time learning to live with COVID, and more time simply learning.

Be safe in your travels over spring break.

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