

*Dear Families,*

*The following information was sent today to Wesleyan students from the Pandemic Planning team.*

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Dear students,

Thank you for your patience and cooperation with our COVID safety measures so far this fall. We are grateful to everyone in the community for their support of our testing and masking protocols. Our collective efforts have given us a good start to the year with greater degrees of interaction and very low numbers of COVID cases on campus. As we near the end of the first month of the semester, we are writing with some updates to campus operations:

#### Masking

Wesleyan will continue to require masks indoors. We know that when we have had incidents of COVID on campus our high vaccination levels and masking has helped to prevent the spread to others. We also know that some of our faculty and staff have family members family members who are immunocompromised or children at home who have not yet been able to be vaccinated. Masking helps us prevent any cases from spreading to others. With warmer weather continuing into the fall we encourage people to gather outdoors when possible.

#### Dining

We will begin a phased return to more in-person dining over the next two weeks. While additional seating will be added to some of the venues, you are encouraged to take your meal “to go” and dine with friends outside while the weather still permits.

#### Social Events

Attendance limits for registered social events in the woodframes will return to pre-pandemic event registration guidelines. Specifically, social event capacities for registered parties will increase from 25 total attendees to 50 attendees. Indoor capacities must not be exceeded, as doing so compromises the structure of the building and the safety of the individuals present. Students must wear masks indoors and cooperate with Public Safety, who will continue to address overcrowding and open container violations.

#### Testing

Students are expected to continue testing twice per week as we continue to monitor cases within the community. We will continue to monitor results in the coming weeks and may make adjustments to the testing requirements if conditions warrant doing so.

Thank you again for your cooperation to date.

Sincerely,

Rick Culliton  
Dean of Students