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Subject: Fwd: [allstudents] [Students][Faculty][Staff] Updated Campus Mask Protocols



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Hello

My son is a freshman at Westmont College. Our family has chosen not to be vaccinated. While we were initially glad to see Westmont College did not mandate vaccines, we have since seen a lot of pressure put on the non-vaccinated students, including comments from professors such as telling the class "I am vaccinated as every good christian should be", a staff member in the gym going ballistic on a coach who was working with a deaf child in the gym without a mask because she could not read his lips if he were wearing a mask. Comments to my son from staff members that seem to imply the teachers know who is vaccinated and who is not (the student have to answer a questionnaire asking about vaccination status every time they go to the chapel which is mandatory 3 times per week). Now they are loosening mask mandates for the vaccinated students while still requiring the unvaccinated to wear masks. Segregation and discrimination. This is mass psychosis formation at its very best and it is the last straw for our family. Our son will not be returning to Westmont in the fall.

Below is the mail sent by the school yesterday. Hoping this discrimination can be addressed in a board meeting.

Melissa Olejniczak

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From: Aaron Olejniczak <aolejniczak@westmont.edu>
Date: Tue, Mar 1, 2022 at 6:40 AM
Subject: Fwd: [allstudents] [Students][Faculty][Staff] Updated Campus Mask Protocols
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From: Jason Tavarez <jtavarez@westmont.edu>
Date: Fri, Feb 25, 2022 at 1:49 PM
Subject: [allstudents] [Students][Faculty][Staff] Updated Campus Mask Protocols
To: fac <fac@westmont.edu>, allstudents <allstudents@westmont.edu>, staff <staff@westmont.edu>

Hello Westmont Community,

I hope you have had a great, short week after an enjoyable, long weekend.

This email provides updates regarding our protocols for face coverings on campus given the changes the county and state have made in mask mandates. If our Westmont COVID positivity rates and case rates continue to look good, beginning **March 1st**, we'll adopt the following masking protocols.

- Classrooms:
 - We highly recommend that all community members wear masks in class. Professors may allow vaccinated individuals to remove masks while in class. Professors will determine the masking protocols in their classrooms, so if a professor requires her/his class to continue wearing a mask, please continue to do so. Additionally, any students, regardless of vaccination status, in those classrooms who wish to continue wearing a mask may do so. Masks have been effective tools in our fight to stop the spread (along with vaccines), so please keep that in mind as we move forward through the remainder of the semester.
- Chapel:
 - While we highly recommend attendees continue wearing masks in chapel, vaccinated individuals may remove masks
- Dining Commons:
 - We highly recommend wearing masks in the DC when not actively eating or drinking.
- Indoor athletic contests:
 - While we highly recommend wearing masks at indoor athletic events when not actively eating or drinking, vaccinated individuals may remove masks when attending indoor athletic competitions
- Residence Hall buildings:
 - While we still highly recommend masking when meeting with others or in the gathering areas in residence halls, vaccinated students may remove masks when in the residence halls.
- Employees:
 - While we still highly recommend masking when meeting with others, vaccinated employees may remove masks when indoors and meeting with others. Large indoor gatherings such as employee forums, events with outside guests, etc., may still require masks, and we'll communicate protocols for those events ahead of time.

Please note that random testing will continue for the foreseeable future, so as we move toward fewer restrictions, please get tested when you receive the email to do so. Additionally, please continue to be tested as soon as you develop symptoms or you're identified as a contact. We will still ask community members to quarantine and isolate, so it will be even more important to inform Institutional Resilience when symptoms arise.

Thank you for being so vigilant in our fight against COVID. Your diligence and resilience through this time has helped us get to this point. While the pandemic is not over, we're beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel, and I pray that we continue to move closer and closer to it.

For continued updates about our COVID situation on campus, please visit westmont.edu/covid-19. For any comments/questions/concerns, please email risk@westmont.edu.

Stay safe,

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