



Pratt Community College Mask Requirement – Effective August 9, 2021

To support our number one priority, the health and safety of College stakeholders, followed by keeping classes, operations, and extra-curricular activities in-person for 2021-2022, the College is taking proactive steps to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and the Delta variant. Effective August 9th, all students, faculty, staff, and visitors, will be required to wear a mask in all PCC public spaces (commons gathering areas, hallways, facility lobbies (including residence halls), restrooms, switchboard/mailroom, entry ways, bookstore, cafeteria, Beaver Bites, Learning Resource Center, Carpenter Auditorium and Dennis Lesh Arena), ***regardless of vaccination status.***

In other designated spaces (classrooms, meeting rooms, private offices, residence hall rooms), where physical/social distancing ***can and is*** practiced, masks are recommended, but not required unless determined by a college staff, faculty, or administrator. If physical/social distancing ***cannot or is not*** practiced, a mask is required regardless of your vaccination status. A mask is required in all college vehicles unless social distancing can occur. A mask can be required in a campus location if determined by a campus staff, faculty, or administrator deems it necessary due to specific circumstances.

The following exceptions apply: while participating in activities in which a mask cannot be worn or would prohibit respiratory function (eating, drinking, playing sports), students in their private residence hall room, residence hall suite restroom, individuals with a recognized disability who have approved accommodations with the Student Success Center.

The College strongly encourages everyone to get vaccinated as this remains our strongest defense against community transmission and spread. Vaccines are free to everyone and available locally at Wal-Mart, Dillon's, and the Pratt County Health Department. The College will also be hosting vaccination clinics on campus through the College Health Office, dates and times to be announced.

Additional COVID-19 protocols and guidelines are being finalized and will be announced next week.

Approved by Cabinet, August 5, 2021