**TEMPORARY POLICY Manditory Syllabus Statement on Masks**

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2021 – TBD

### 1.0 Introduction

The University already requires that certain information and, in some cases, specific statements, be included on every syllabus for every SLU-taught course; for the full list, see [here](#). Additionally, the University periodically needs to adopt a temporary face mask requirement due to the COVID-19 pandemic and/or to be in compliance with local, state, and/or federal orders.

Via this document, an additional required statement addressing the wearing of masks in on-ground classrooms is adopted and must be added – *temporarily* -- to the course syllabus for all in-person courses.

The need for this additional required syllabus statement was prompted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Accordingly, this shall be a temporary mandate -- although no end date has been established. It shall be in effect “until further notice.”

### 2.0 Scope

This policy governs all students in all in-person courses at all locations offered by the colleges/schools and other academic units reporting to the University Provost (except for the School of Medicine and SLU-Madrid) unless they conflict with accreditation requirements or any applicable laws, regulations, and orders.

### 3.0 Required Syllabus Statement

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, key safeguards like face masks have allowed SLU to safely maintain in-person learning. If public health conditions and local, state, and federal restrictions demand it, the University may require that all members of our campus community wear face masks indoors.

**Therefore, any time a University-level face mask requirement is in effect, face masks will be required in this class.** This expectation will apply to all students and instructors, unless a medical condition warrants an exemption from the face mask requirement (see below).

**When a University-wide face mask requirement is in effect, the following will apply:**

- Students who attempt to enter a classroom without wearing masks will be asked by the instructor to put on their masks prior to entry. Students who remove their masks during a class session will be asked by the instructor to resume wearing their masks.
- Students and instructors may remove their masks briefly to take a sip of water but should replace masks immediately. The consumption of food will not be permitted.
• Students who do not comply with the expectation that they wear a mask in accordance with the University-wide face mask requirement may be subject to disciplinary actions per the rules, regulations, and policies of Saint Louis University, including but not limited to those outlined in the Student Handbook. Non-compliance with this policy may result in disciplinary action, up to and including any of the following:
  o dismissal from the course(s)
  o removal from campus housing (if applicable)
  o dismissal from the University

• To immediately protect the health and well-being of all students, instructors, and staff, instructors reserve the right to cancel or terminate any class session at which any student fails to comply with a University-wide face mask requirement.

**When a University-wide face mask requirement is not in effect**, students and instructors may choose to wear a face mask or not, as they prefer for their own individual comfort level.

**ADA Accommodations for Face Mask Requirements**
Saint Louis University is committed to maintaining an inclusive and accessible environment. Individuals who are unable to wear a face mask due to medical reasons should contact the Office of Disability Services (students) or Human Resources (instructors) to initiate the accommodation process identified in the University’s ADA Policy. Inquiries or concerns may also be directed to the Office of Institutional Equity and Diversity. Notification to instructors of SLU-approved ADA accommodations should be made in writing prior to the first class session in any term (or as soon thereafter as possible).

**4.0 Development and Approvals**

**Development:**
This requirement was initially developed by a committee of faculty, students, and staff in June 2020, and updated in July 2021.

**Approvals:**
1. Revised statement approved by CADD: August 4, 2021
2. Revised statement approved by the Provost: August 4, 2021