



May 24, 2021

Dear Heidelberg Community,

As Heidelberg University has done since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic back in March 2020, we will continue to be guided in our decision-making by the expertise and instructions set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Ohio Department of Health, Governor Mike DeWine, the NCAA, the Seneca County General Health Department and our own medical professionals at the Stoner Health & Counseling Center.

Governor DeWine has announced that the vast majority of COVID-19-related health orders in Ohio will be rescinded as of June 2, 2021. On May 13, the CDC amended its recommendations, specifically for those who are fully vaccinated. The Ohio Department of Health followed up with an order on May 17, 2021, to bring the state into conformity with the CDC's revised recommendations from the period of now until June 2.

Read the CDC's [Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People](#)

Read the Ohio Department of Health's [Amended Order for Social Distancing, Facial Coverings and Non-Congregating](#)

We understand that all of this can seem very confusing, even overwhelming. But, what does it mean for the Heidelberg faculty, staff, students and visitors? ***It means that individuals who are fully vaccinated may safely do most activities without a facial covering and without socially distancing, indoors and outdoors. Unvaccinated individuals should continue to protect themselves and others by masking and social distancing.*** At this time, we ask all employees to continue submitting their daily health check info using this [form](#).

If anything changes after June 2, we will inform the campus community as soon as possible.

There are ample opportunities locally to receive your COVID-19 vaccination, and the Senior Leadership Team continues to strongly encourage everyone to take advantage of this opportunity, if you haven't already done so. Unvaccinated individuals remain at a significantly higher risk of getting COVID-19 and suffering its devastating toll. While we will not be tracking the vaccination status of our employees, we trust each of you to make responsible decisions for the health and well-being of our entire community.

Sincerely,

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President

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Director of Stoner Health & Counseling Center