



COLLEGE OF  
MOUNT SAINT VINCENT

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Students, Faculty, Staff, and Administration,

By now you have likely heard the latest [CDC guidance](#) on masks for individuals who are fully vaccinated. As someone who is fully vaccinated, I am pleased to see that science is suggesting we can begin moving toward a more “normal” pre-pandemic experience. **However**, you may have also heard that the states of New York and New Jersey, among some others, are *not* quickly adopting this change in guidance, and are still requiring masks indoors regardless of vaccination status. Outdoors, based upon CDC guidelines, New York allows those who are fully vaccinated not to wear masks *except* in crowded settings and venues (e.g. Commencement). Thus, until we learn of different guidance, the College of Mount Saint Vincent will follow what is required by the state and city of [New York](#). We will send out a separate communication soon for those attending and participating in our 2021 Commencement ceremonies early next week.

Thank you for your continued commitment to our Mount community’s health and safety,

Susan R. Burns, Ph.D.  
President