

To the PAU Community:

We are updating our campus masking guidelines in accordance with local public health guidance. As of March 2, 2022, the County of Santa Clara Public Health Department announced that all masking metrics have been met and therefore indoor masking will no longer be required in all indoor settings. This announcement is available [here](#).

Nevertheless, Public Health officials at the county and state levels continue to **strongly recommend** that the public continue to wear masks in all indoor public spaces as it has proven an effective prevention strategy.

At PAU, we are making the following adjustments effective today:

- Indoor masks will be **strongly recommended** on the Calvin and Los Altos campuses.
- Masks will continue to be required in all classrooms for the remainder of the winter quarter. Students and faculty may remove their masks while speaking only.
- We will continue to monitor and follow the public health guidance and re-evaluate the classroom mask requirement prior to the spring quarter.
- Per state guidelines, masking is still required in health care settings, which includes the Gronowski Center.
- We still require anyone on a PAU campus to be up to date on their Covid-19 vaccinations.

We appreciate that our public health officials have taken a data-driven approach to their guidance, which is why it changes over time. We strongly encourage everyone to be respectful of the decisions that others make regarding their own masking outside of the PAU classrooms and clinic. Masking has been one of the effective public health strategies throughout the pandemic; people may well decide to continue wearing masks now and for months or years to come, and we should all respect those choices.

We are hopeful that we have reached a major milestone in managing the pandemic. We are seeing more of you at Calvin campus, and we hope that many of you are able to engage in activities with classmates, colleagues, and your friends and families. We will continue to monitor the guidance provided by public health authorities and share any updates as they become available.

Thank you all for continuing to balance the health and safety of our community.

With PAU Pride,



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