

Changes for Spring Summer 2022 Term

April 27, 2022

To all FNUUniv faculty, staff, and students,

The Winter 2022 Term encompassed a few modifications to campus with the gradual return of in-person courses and increased student, faculty and staff population. FNUUniv has maintained the mandatory masking requirements on each campus, which will end on April 30, 2022.

Recently the University of Regina shared their communication for the Spring/Summer term, highlighting the **indoor masking requirements**, which states that ***“the University’s indoor masking requirements will remain in place in classrooms, lab and studio spaces, and the University Library – spaces where larger groups are required to meet on a regular basis, generally for an extended period of time. Masks will remain mandatory in these spaces until May 31, at which time we will reassess based on the latest public health information.”***

At the First Nations University of Canada, we will align with the requirements effective **May 1, 2022**.

However, effective May 1, 2022, masking will no longer be required in other indoor spaces on FNUUniv campuses but will be strongly encouraged, which include FNUUniv hallways, Regina Campus First Nations Veterans Memorial Tipi, and common areas at all three campuses.

We will continue to strongly encourage all students, faculty, staff and Elders to wear the recommended masks while on campus. FNUUniv will monitor the provincial COVID-19 statistics and mandates, and we will continually assess and be responsive as the situation demands. Our primary concern continues to be the health and safety of the FNUUniv community.

Within the past month, the Regina campus has hosted a minimal number of events, and these were conducted in a safe and controlled manner. We understand that hosting events inspires the spirit, energy, culture and traditions activity, and the need for community gathering, all of which we have been missing for the past two years. We anticipate a rise in campus activity throughout the Spring/Summer.

Effective **April 12, 2022**, the proof of vaccination requirements and submission of rapid antigen testing results for students, faculty, staff and Elders were removed for the University, UofR and federated colleges.

Note that the 3rd and 4th booster shots are available across **SHA confirmed locations**. We strongly encourage everyone to get vaccinated and book their booster shot if eligible. Please self-test and remain at home if you feel unwell at any time to ensure a healthier and safer environment.

The **FNUniv Crisis Response Team** will re-evaluate the distribution of information on each campus. If you have any questions, check the **Saskatchewan COVID** website for more details about self-testing.

We reiterate that we are here to help in any way we can. Please reach out to your supervisor or Human Resources for further assistance.

Be well, be safe and good health to you all.

Sincerely,

FNUniv Crisis Management Team