

# COVID-19 Compliance Survey Results

143 total responses

103 qualifying responses from those who worked on campus

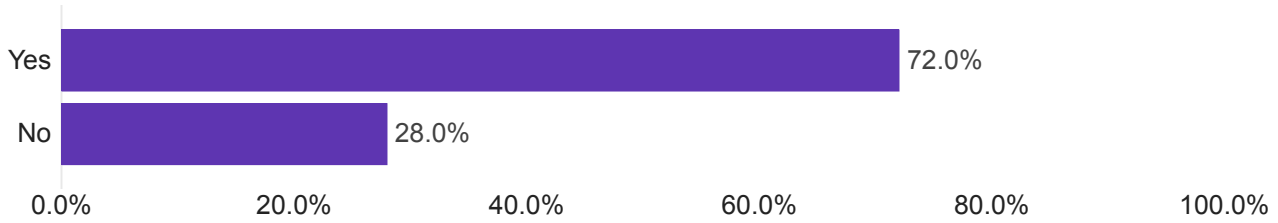
Survey administered 03/18-04/07



# Over the last two weeks, have you worked on campus?

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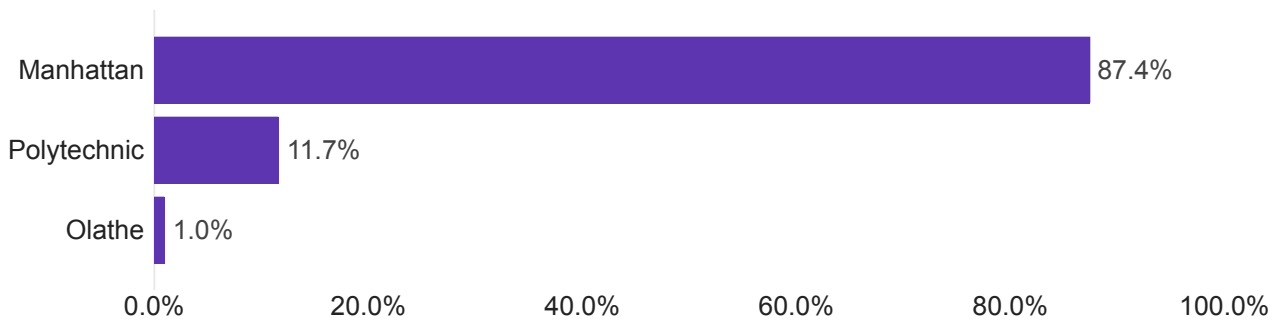
Field	Percentage
Yes	72.0%
No	28.0%



# On what campus are you primarily located?

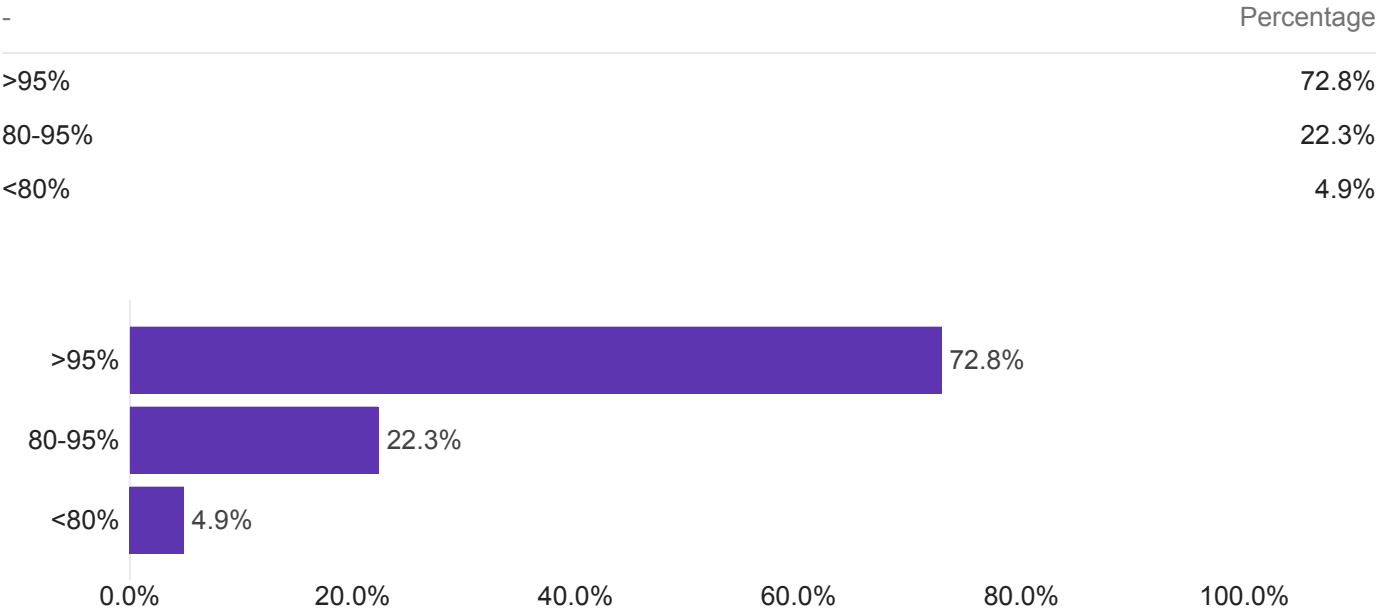
103 Responses

-	Percentage
Manhattan	87.4%
Polytechnic	11.7%
Olathe	1.0%



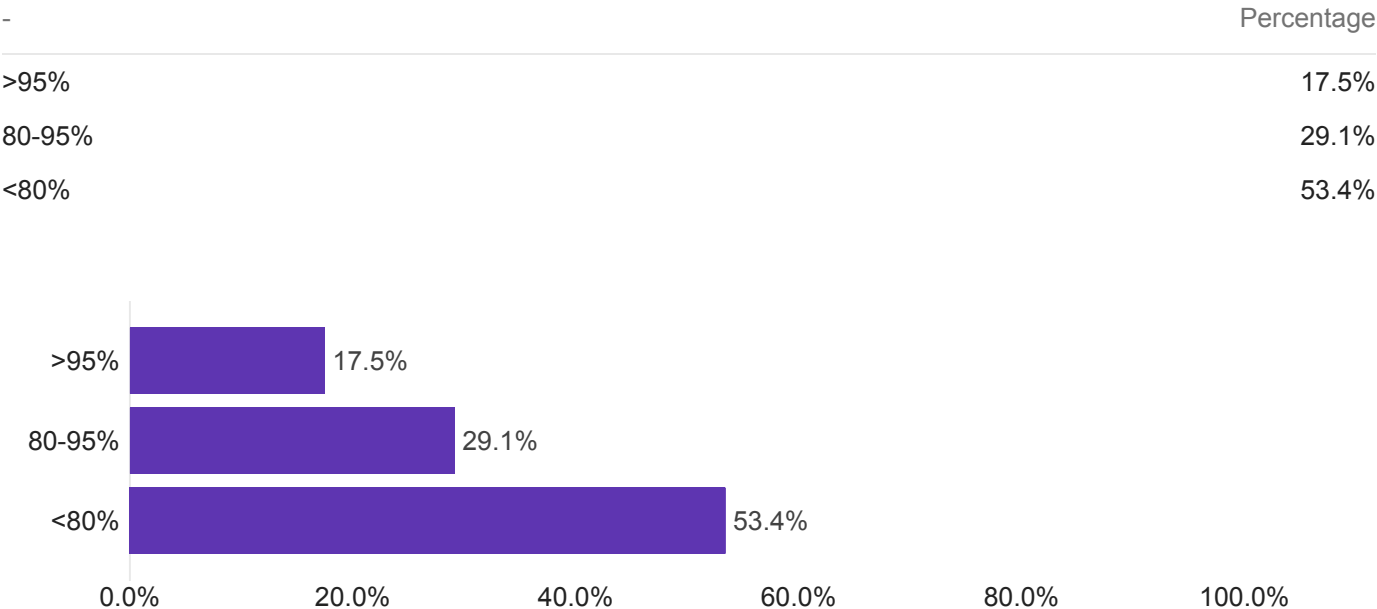
1. Approximately what percentage of students, faculty, and staff have you observed wearing face coverings inside campus buildings and classrooms?

103 Responses



## 2. Approximately what percentage of students, faculty, and staff have you observed wearing face coverings outside while on campus?

103 Responses



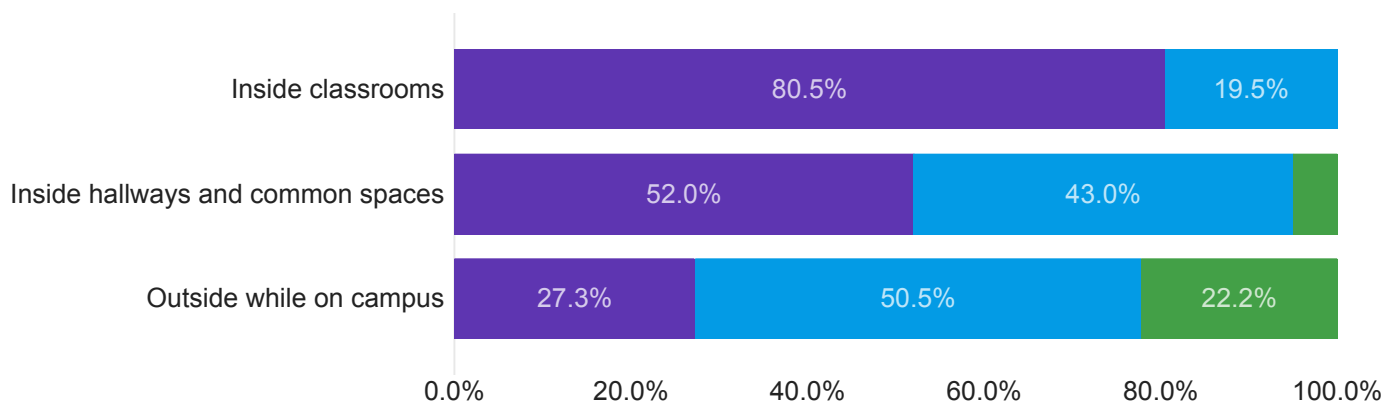
### 3. Based on your observations, have faculty, staff, and students adhered to 6-foot social distancing requirements in the following situations?

102 Responses

	Yes, for the most part	Somewhat	No, for the most part	Can't judge
Inside classrooms	32.4%	7.8%	0.0%	59.8%
Inside building hallways and other common spaces	51.0%	42.2%	4.9%	2.0%
Outside while on campus	26.5%	49.0%	21.6%	2.9%

Chart below excludes Can't Judge

● Yes, for the most part
 ● Somewhat
 ● No, for the most part



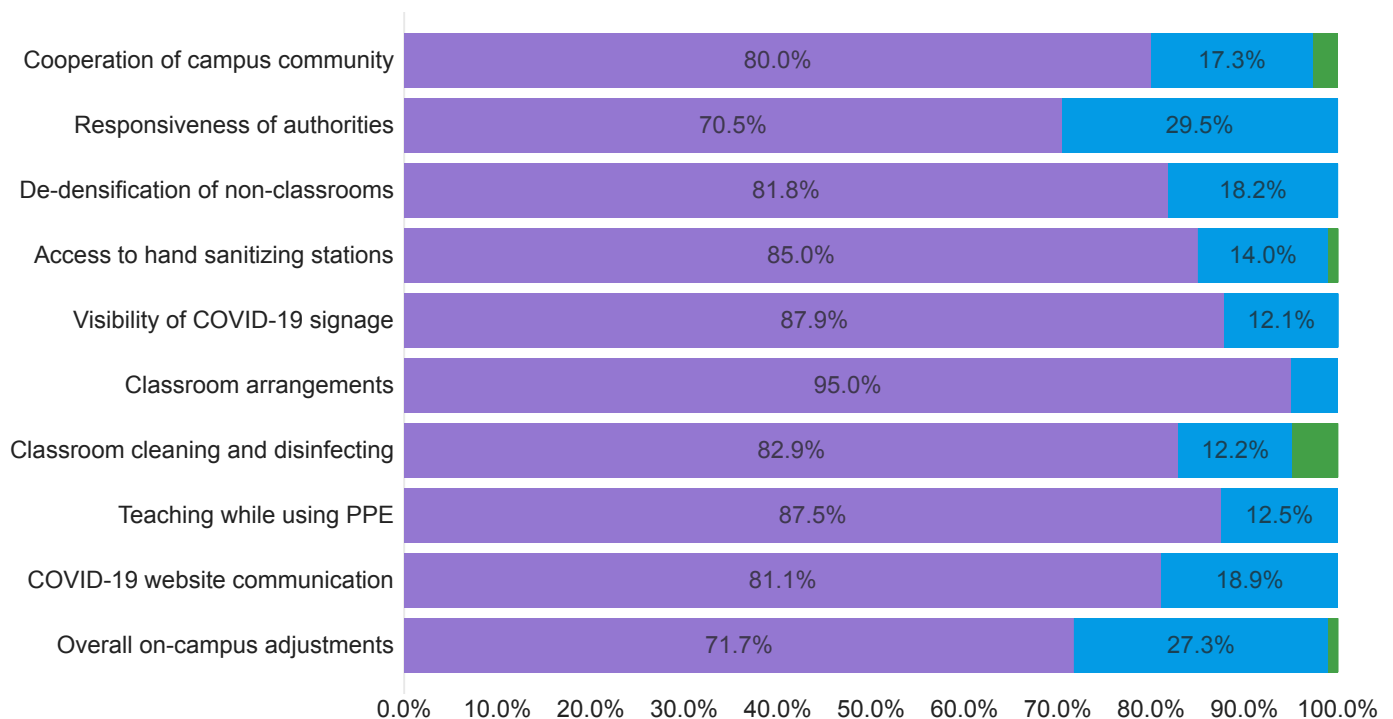
## 4. From your perspective, what has gone well or not gone well in the past two weeks regarding COVID-19 protocols and compliance?

101 Responses

Field	Has Gone Well	Some Issues	Has Not Gone Well	Can't Judge
Cooperation of campus community members when asked to comply with policies	59.4%	12.9%	2.0%	25.7%
Responsiveness of applicable authorities when issues arise	30.7%	12.9%	0.0%	56.4%
De-densification of non-classroom spaces in campus buildings	45.0%	10.0%	0.0%	45.0%
Access to hand sanitizing stations	84.2%	13.9%	1.0%	1.0%
Visibility of COVID-19 signage	86.1%	11.9%	0.0%	2.0%
Classroom arrangements for social distancing	37.6%	2.0%	0.0%	60.4%
Classroom cleaning and disinfecting	33.7%	5.0%	2.0%	59.4%
Teaching while using personal protective equipment	27.7%	4.0%	0.0%	68.3%
Communication provided through the COVID-19 website	72.3%	16.8%	0.0%	10.9%
Overall on-campus adjustments for COVID-19	70.3%	26.7%	1.0%	2.0%

Chart below excludes Can't Judge

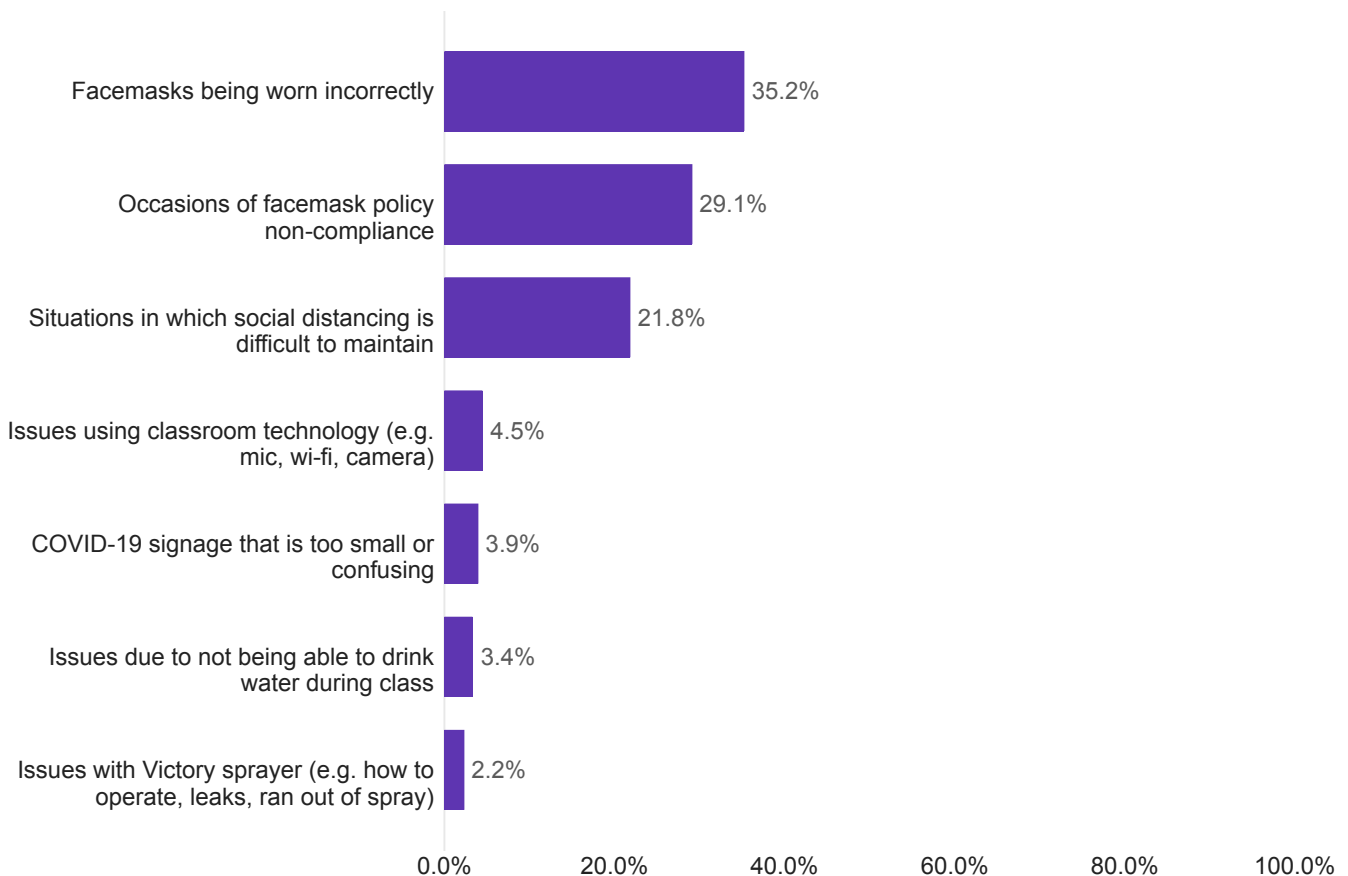
● Has Gone Well ● Some Issues ● Has Not Gone Well



## 5. From your perspective, which of following specific issues have you observed or experienced in the past two weeks while working on campus? (select all that apply)

81 Responses

	Percentage of Choices
Facemasks being worn incorrectly	35.2%
Occasions of facemask policy non-compliance	29.1%
Situations in which social distancing is difficult to maintain	21.8%
Issues due to not being able to drink water during class	3.4%
COVID-19 signage that is too small or confusing	3.9%
Issues using classroom technology (e.g. mic, wi-fi, camera)	4.5%
Issues with Victory sprayer (e.g. how to operate, leaks, ran out of spray)	2.2%



# K-State COVID-19 Compliance Survey Results - Comments

March 18-April 7, 2021 – 143 Responses

## 1a. Further comments about face covering compliance inside buildings and classrooms

Students are removing their masks when sitting in groups and there are not teachers around.

keep the mask compliance a bit longer

People are following the guidelines

Been pretty good

Many students continue to not wear masks in Hale Library's collaboration rooms even though signs are posted.

Outside vendors and contractors are the ones I see not complying with face coverings

As has happened all year, I still see students not wearing masks sometimes when they are studying by themselves or with other students in the study areas in our building.

Last week, we observed a noticeable uptick in non-mask compliance by students in Hale Library.

Good compliance by most people most of the time.

Face covering compliance continues to be observed at 100%. Everyone seems to be conscientious and taking it seriously.

It is time to remove these ridiculous requirements. Even CDC data shows that states without a mask mandate track approximately the same number of COVID cases per 100,00 people as those with a mandate. Let us breathe.

I have to remind students every class to wear the mask prporrly.

I seldom see anyone without a mask when they are interacting with others. When someone enters an office space, masks are donned and as more people are vaccinated, I expect masks in offices to be worn less frequently unless an "outsider" enters the space.

Seeing more and more not wearing them on face at times but would still have to say at or about 95% compliance. This includes student, visitors and vendors. Fedex people I have had to ask twice to put their mask on.

I still see people with very loosely fitting masks, and/or with their noses exposed.

Some custodial workers do not wear masks when by themselves or in groups of two, but very courteously put them on when they see someone approaching. Students had been almost 100% dutiful in previous months, but I am starting to see more students letting their mask drop below their noses. I am sure we are all experiencing a little mask fatigue and are getting a little lax with the hope of vaccinations and decreasing COVID pressure.

All faculty, staff and students should be required to wear face coverings when on campus for health safety for all.

Personally, I feel face masks should be mandatory inside buildings/classrooms for the next 2 years.

None.

I've seen students sitting and studying in the Student Union without masks on.

Same issues with improper wearing or disregard for rules in the study spaces in library that have been occurring all year.



Significant decrease in people that put on masks when you walk into their office. They will have the full conversation without masking up, when a couple of months ago it was common practice.

Students appear to be much more lax. Faculty and staff seem to be holding up better, but also slipping.

Compliance among students has been in an obvious decline.

Na

show me the science which says this effective. It's a virus with more than 98% survival. and asymptomatic carriers...there are none. If you have a virus, you're going to have a fever. You may not know you have a fever.

Most people have maintained wearing their facemasks inside buildings and in their offices if they are shared by others in close proximity. Only time they haven't is when alone in a closed office or they are parents during visit days for their prospective student.

There are some people who do not like to wear the mask. If they even have it on, it is under their chin or under their nose. If you ask them to cover their nose and mouth, they act like it is a big inconvenience for them.

Students and visitors beginning to be less careful- needing more reminders to wear and/or properly wear masks. Less social distancing

I have worked on campus twice in the last two weeks and did not observe anyone without a face covering inside campus buildings.

I don't think we will need them in the fall

## 2a. Further comments about face covering compliance outside while on campus

Can't really judge this as I only saw 1 person who was wearing a mask.

let's wear them a little longer- people will always break rules

I only see people without their masks outside when they are not in big crowds (e.g., walking by themselves or with roommates, etc)

Depends on location. If you're sufficiently socially-distant as to be considered alone, then I see no reason to wear one.

Most of the time if someone is not wearing a mask outside, if they come within 6 feet, they will put their mask on.

I see people walking alone well away from other people in masks, which is completely unnecessary. We are training our people to be compliant and not to make decisions based on the real risks of infection/spread of the virus.

It makes zero sense to wear a mask outside, in open air, especially by yourself.

Some people walking across campus alone or in pairs are not wearing masks or not wearing them properly; walking alone without a mask complies with the policy.

The outside guidelines are still hard to determine. Groups of students together without masks may all be roommates so seeing them together without masks not be an issue. As vaccinations go up, how are we to judge who should be wearing a mask and who shouldn't when they are outside maintaining distance as best they can?

Been a big drop in outside use of a mask the last few weeks.

AT this point there is no need to wear them outside

I don't believe it is necessary outside unless you are within 6 feet of someone.

I feel face masks should be worn outside while on campus grounds at the very least through July 31, 2021.

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I have seen relatively few people outside

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LOTS of people not wearing masks.

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People are definitely becoming more lax about wearing masks while outside. Have noticed this throughout the community, not just campus exclusively.

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Very few were wearing masks outside, even though the weather was cool.

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I'm ok with not wearing face masks outside

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People are tired and want this to be done... but it isn't. The behavior is concerning.

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It's a mandate, not law. People don't follow it.

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More and more people are actively not wearing their masks when walking between buildings or headed off campus. Many are either in small groups (presumably their roommates or close friends) but others are alone, but don't put their mask up when walking past others. Being yards away from someone outside without a mask is one thing, but most don't have the courtesy to put it back on when passing someone else.

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There are a lot of people who walk in groups who do not have masks on or not wearing them correctly

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If distanced outside, I feel masks are not necessary, fresh air is good for all.

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Most students and visitors seem to be going without masks on campus outside and not maintaining social distancing. Concerning to me as still fairly low percentage of Riley Co having been vaccinated

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I have worked on campus twice in the last two weeks and observed about 50% face covering compliance outside when on campus.

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It is funny to see people outside wearing a mask or while driving their car. They look like fools!!

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### 3a. Further comments about 6-foot social distancing compliance

In the common area in my building, I see students congregating in the places where they did pre-COVID. I have voiced my concerns to the administration in my building but nothing is being done to make them disperse, except for some passive reminders. It's frustrating, and I try to work as much from home as I can.

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I feel comfortable with a mask on when people do not adhere to 6 ft rule for social distancing

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Some people are more aware than others

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Now that CDC guidelines say that students in classrooms only need 3 feet for social distancing when wearing masks, will that change our guidelines at K-State for social distancing?

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CDC has changed its mind yet again and has now said 3 ft. Masks are no longer mandated in Kansas so why are we persisting with the wearing of masks that are not designed to protect the wearer from virus infections.

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Sometimes the distance is more like 4 foot when hearing is impaired.

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if the virus can travel 5'11", it can travel 6'. This is another mandate that makes no sense. It was solely based on old, inconclusive studies that suggested respiratory droplets were unable to travel farther than six feet. Recent research shows that the virus can be spread through airborne particles which can travel farther than six feet and are small enough to pass through the mandated face coverings.

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It's time to get back to normal

Students have been extremely good with this while waiting outside of classrooms. It is harder during class and labs when we have activities and interaction.

6-foot distancing should still be required for health safety for all.

I can't judge what happens in the classrooms, but it seems 6-foot social distancing has gone by the wayside in hallways and outside on campus grounds.

None.

Outside the distance is less common. In Hale Library, there are frequently too many people for the posted occupancy in the study rooms. They definitely aren't able to distance and are often improperly wearing masks or not wearing at all.

Na

6ft distancing is difficult in many office spaces, but with masks that hasn't been much of an issue. Again, walking through campus isn't an issue until people start passing each other without their masks on. The social distancing works better when masks are also worn.

People just don't seem to be taking it as seriously anymore. Concerning to me

none.

I think this is no longer needed in the fall

Again, outside is complete BS. Open air is ideal. 90+ of the young people have either had the virus or have been previously exposed. Dump the outside mask BS!! Quit talking about it. The Kansas tax payers are watching very closely.

#### **4a. Further comments on what has gone well regarding COVID-19 protocols and compliance**

My fellow faculty members and the GTAs are vigilant in keeping the classrooms compliant.

let's keep it going well, please!

MOST people were smart enough to follow the guidelines set by the CDC and the recommendations of literally every health care professional everywhere. And we're finally reaching the end of this pandemic.

Most people are doing what they are told even if it is not valid. A success for the administrators.

Compliance with protocols continues

There is plenty of information being sent out. Signs and hand sanitizer everywhere. People are wearing masks when it makes sense.

Thank you for keeping communication open.

The general plan has gone well

Students who are asked to cover their nose or tighten their mask have done so politely, without a fuss. The new signage at entrypoints of Polytechnic buildings and along the parking lots is super! Disinfectant has always been ample and ready.

The hand sanitizing stations are definitely a plus! The COVID-19 signage was great in the beginning, but I'm of the opinion it might need to be updated (and I realize that's a huge expense) to catch everyone's attention once more. We've come a long way in the past year, but can't let our guard down yet.

None.

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Excellent you all get a gold star for being such good followers.

I think many people have been great at following the necessary protocols and have been compliant. The signage has been up for a year now with plenty of masks and sanitizer available for all.

For the most part, people comply when you ask them to wear their mask over their nose and mouth.

I feel that the rules are clearly posted and readily available in the campus buildings that I have visited. Hand sanitizer is available as well.

#### **4b. Further comments on what has not gone well regarding COVID-19 protocols and compliance**

The students congregating in common areas where they have been told not to, and improperly or not wearing masks. They are impatient, but are not disciplined enough to wait it out.

Students are following mask order less and social distancing less

some people just won't comply because there are no enforcers to encourage compliance, same with shots-

Some people refused and resisted the health recommendations of actual professionals, whose literal job it is to know what to do in a pandemic situation, because of either an extreme political standing, or lack of self-awareness and understanding. They single-handedly caused the pandemic to drag on much longer than it necessary, because they continued to catch, nurture, and spread the disease from and amongst their in-groups long into the pandemic. Thank you, very cool.

The libraries can not enforce mask use although we ask them to please put on their masks and most comply.

Initial sign-age was somewhat confusing, signs edges are coming loose

We are promoting and mandating practices and behaviors on campus that are not based on sound science and are no longer required in Kansas. Fully vaccinated people and those who have antibodies from a natural infection should not be required to wear masks. They are not at risk of infection and so are not a risk to others.

Overall on-campus adjustment has been too restrictive and gone on too long. It is time to lose the mask, open the school, and let us get back to business.

If we are going to have more faculty and staff returning to campus, there should be many more hand sanitizing stations in each building. I find it interesting in all of Umberger Hall, there are two stations. One by the main back door and one by front door. There are not stations on each floor to use as you exit the elevator, at the two side entrances or, any of the three stairwell doors (except the only station by the front door). I imagine there are other buildings on campus that also lack adequate hand sanitizing stations.

no patrol and enforcement of face mask compliance outside or inside for that matter.

I still miss my water fountains, and having to carry water to work is a pain.

I've heard comments from staff/faculty asking why ALL staff aren't back on campus. For instance, Human Capital Services and the Budget/Fiscal Office. Human Capital doesn't seem to answer questions near as fast as they did

when they were required to be on campus. If the staff in the academic programs have to work on campus, it makes you wonder why these departments don't have to.

Seems a large portion of the 18-22 age group don't know how to wear face masks properly (many have their noses exposed in the hallways).

None.

Wearing masks outside, wearing masks in Union. Communication about vaccination eligibility and process to faculty and staff.

A portion of the students are simply pushing back.

The signage has become white noise in the background. The signage that remains is mostly ignored and old habits have returned (such as walking up and down stairwells that are marked as one directional).

Na

The time of all of this is starting to get to people and causing more lapses in adherence. Its understandable, but we're not through this pandemic yet.

There are people who refuse to believe that Covid is a thing that won't go away. They do not like to wear the masks and when they do, they don't cover their nose and mouth.

need updated information to pass on to vendors and contractors working on campus. Information seems to mostly geared to students, faculty and staff

People seem to be ignoring or weary of policy and have started ignoring guidelines when they think no one will correct them

It seems that the requirement to wear a face covering both inside campus buildings and outside is not well understood. I observed many people outside without face coverings when I worked on campus in the last two weeks (2 days).

## 5a. Further comments on any other specific issues you've experienced regarding COVID-19 protocols and compliance

See comments above

lack of socialization - miss co-workers!

Some people still seem to not understand how a mask is supposed to be worn: over the nose. It's embarrassing at this point. They've had so long to figure it out.

I have a few students who drink during class, even when I have asked students generally to leave the classroom if they need a drink. In a mid-semester feedback survey, one of them advised that I ignore the fact that they take their mask down to drink in class rather than asking them to leave the classroom to take a drink.

Time to move on and let adults make their own decisions about whether to wear masks and to socialize normally.

I had difficulty with the projection equipment 1x. Some group work with hearing difficulty put students closer than 6 feet, but not for long.

Some people are being lazy with mask fitting.

I wear my face masks properly everyday to respect others' health and well-being and I expect others to do the same for me especially since I'm in the 60+ age group. I know we all want to get back to pre-COVID way of life, but with the rise of the variances, now is not the time to be slacking off the COVID-19 protocols and compliance.

None.

Our building still does not have drinking water available. We have to walk to other buildings to refill our water bottles. Drinking water is an OSHA established employee right, and bathroom sinks do not count as a potable water source.

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Still occasionally see noses not covered.

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The Victory sprayer is so heavy my arm hurts all the time. I am constantly dehydrated after class.

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There have been some situations in which it has been hard to physically social distance with warmer weather. More activities are going on and some are hard to just physically distance the 6 feet. When you can't physically distance people do wear a mask for the most part.

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Victory sprayers not being used.

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The occasions of face mask policy non-compliance that I observed were exclusively in outdoor spaces on campus.

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No mandatory testing, no significant numbers of tests, rollout of vaccines slow, and confusing messaging on vaccine rollout. No information on mask mandate or testing/vaccine requirements for fully in-person fall.