

COVID-19 Compliance Survey Results

128 total responses

120 qualifying responses from those who worked on campus

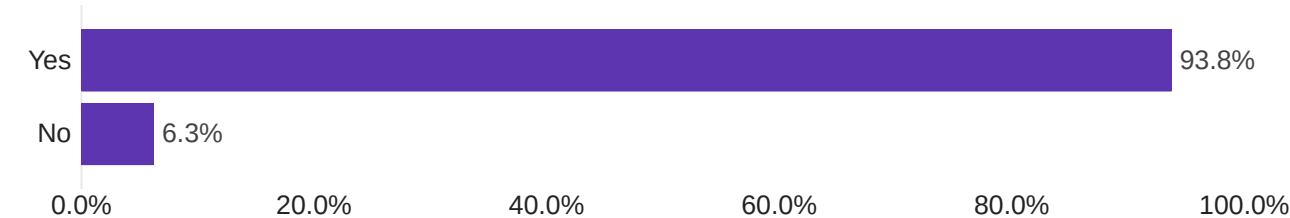
Survey administered 09/30/21-10/13/21



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

128 Responses

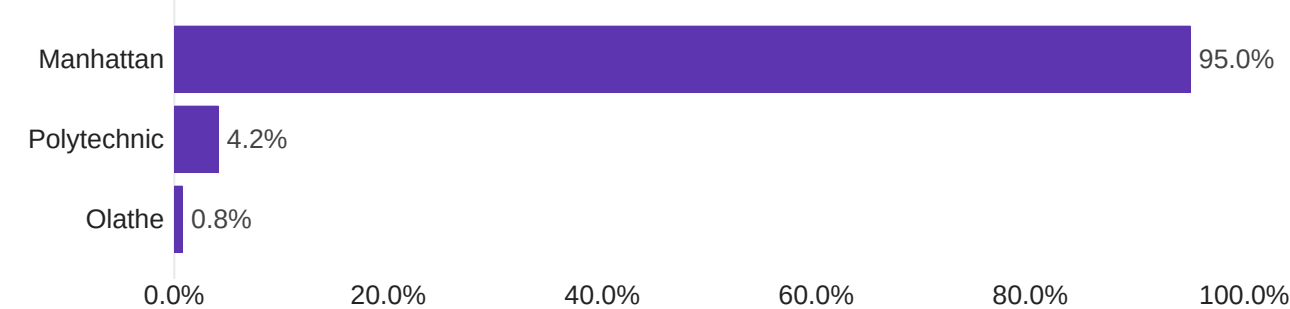
Field	Percentage
Yes	93.8%
No	6.3%



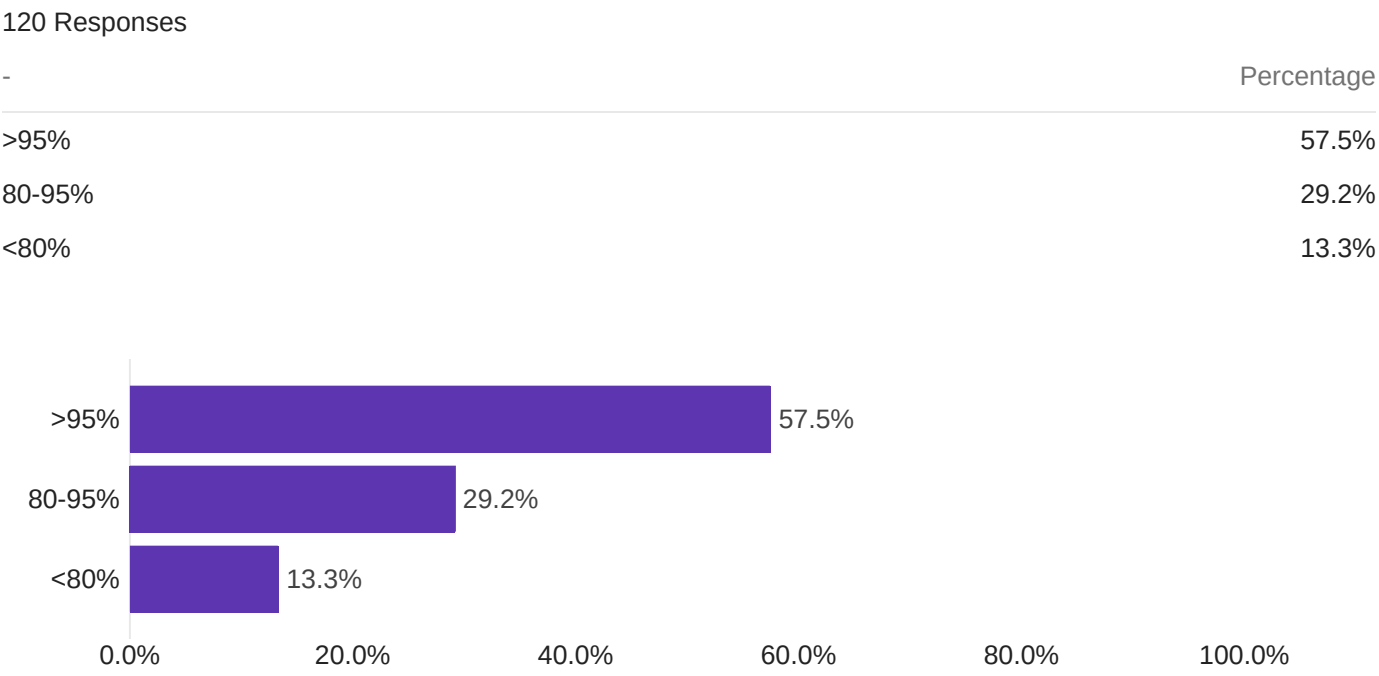
On what campus are you primarily located?

120 Responses

-	Percentage
Manhattan	95.0%
Polytechnic	4.2%
Olathe	0.8%



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



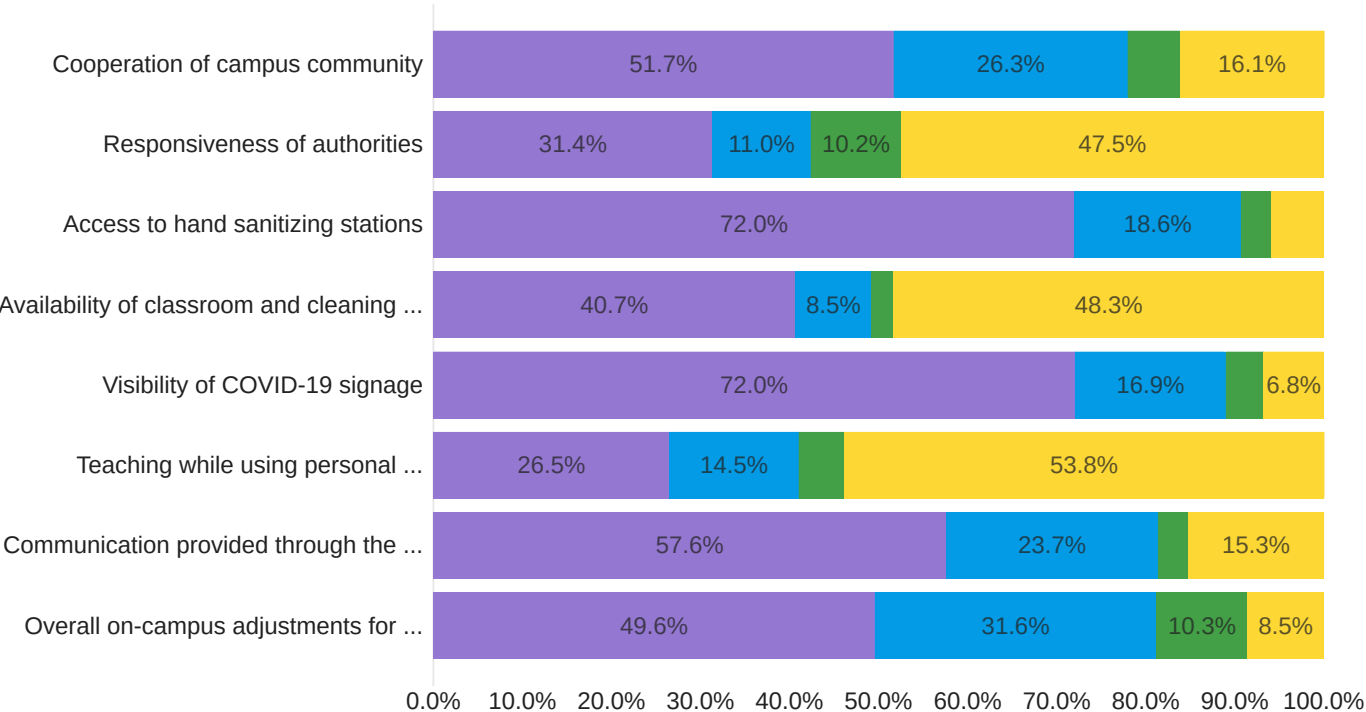
2. From your perspective, what has gone well or not gone well in the past two weeks regarding COVID-19 protocols and compliance.

118 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	51.7%	26.3%	5.9%	16.1%
Responsiveness of applicable authorities when issues arise	31.4%	11.0%	10.2%	47.5%
Access to hand sanitizing stations	72.0%	18.6%	3.4%	5.9%
Availability of classroom and cleaning supplies	40.7%	8.5%	2.5%	48.3%
Visibility of COVID-19 signage	72.0%	16.9%	4.2%	6.8%
Teaching while using personal protective equipment	26.5%	14.5%	5.1%	53.8%
Communication provided through the COVID-19 website	57.6%	23.7%	3.4%	15.3%
Overall on-campus adjustments for COVID-19	49.6%	31.6%	10.3%	8.5%

Chart below excludes Can't Judge

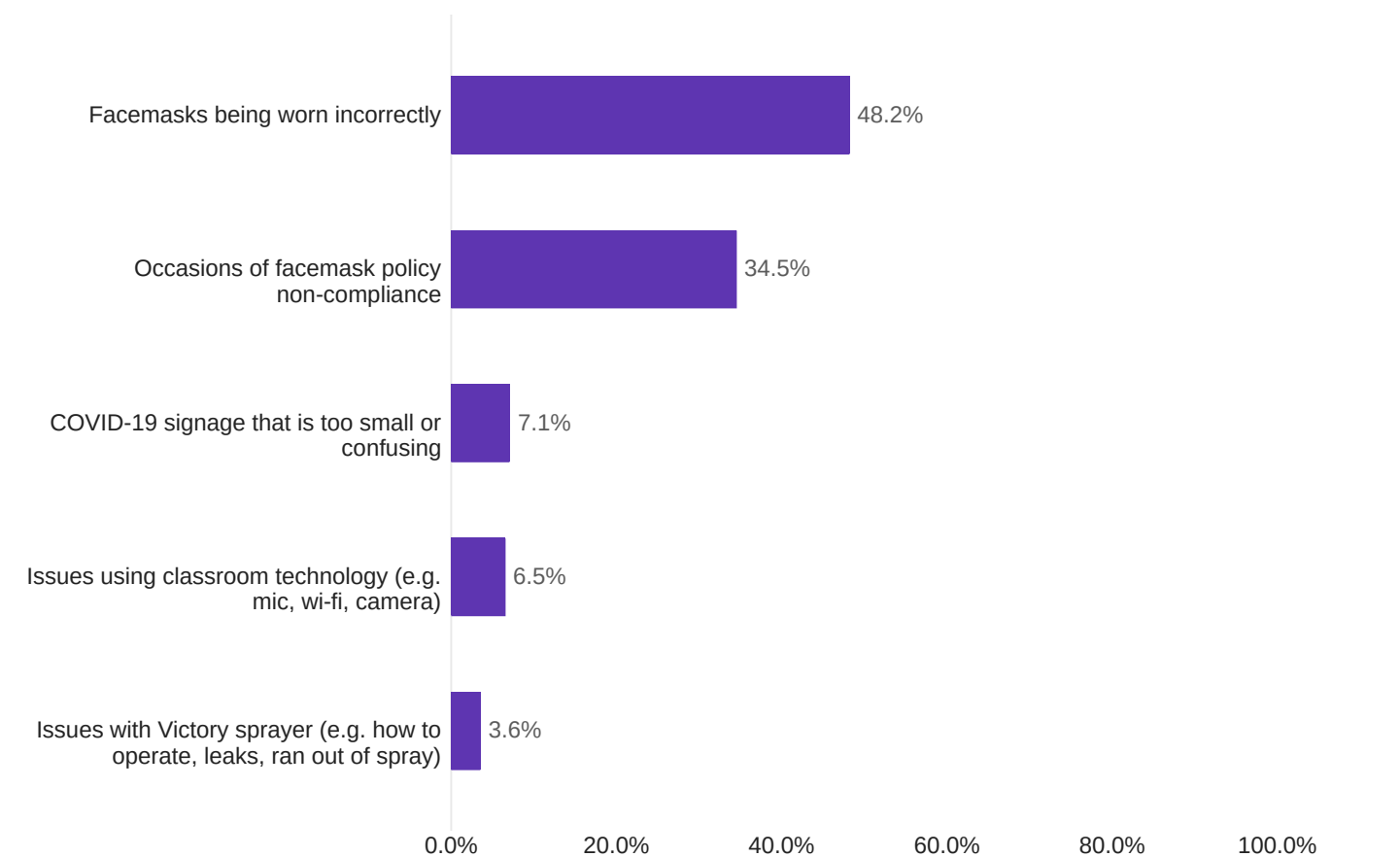
Has Gone Well Some Issues Has Not Gone Well Can't Judge



3. 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)

95 Responses

-	Percentage of Choices
Facemasks being worn incorrectly	48.2%
Occasions of facemask policy non-compliance	34.5%
COVID-19 signage that is too small or confusing	7.1%
Issues using classroom technology (e.g. mic, wi-fi, camera)	6.5%
Issues with Victory sprayer (e.g. how to operate, leaks, ran out of spray)	3.6%



K-State COVID-19 Compliance Survey Results - Comments

September 29-October 13, 2021 - 128 Responses

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

Has Gone Well

some people still wearing masks but not covering noses

na

n/a

most are wearing them

it is necessary

There is a strong compliance for having face masks on one's face. My concern is that many don't follow protocol for wearing masks correctly: covering nose, mouth, chin; shaping masks around one's nose; ensuring a seal at the cheeks.

Staff and visitors are very compliant.

Sometimes noses not covered. But not terrible

Some noses peeking out but overall everyone has done a nice job.

Please see MIT's study on masks and indoor environments

Overall, I feel people are doing well with the face-covering requirement. Everyone is growing weary and in offices where employees are comfortable with one another, masks may be down when a new person enters. However, masks are quickly donned when someone enters the space.

None

Many not over the nose.

It's good. Students are very compliant, particularly given the fact that test rates are now 3%, new cases were 49 last week in the county, and total active cases were 81. This despite football games, community events, and all the other things going on. Yet, I expect there will be plenty of whiny comments from faculty and staff on this survey about how poorly the students are doing with this. K-State faculty and staff do not deserve the students we have who are paying the bills. Stop whining folks!

It seems that nearly everyone is wearing a mask. The few who end up outside their offices in route to the restroom or leaving the building, realize it and quickly put a mask on. I have observed no hard feelings or reluctance.

I'm all for people wearing masks if they feel unsafe or even if they just want to, but it would be nice to have it as an option for people who feel the other way around.

I think it is time to remove masks in smaller settings

I think face mask should be worn all the time

I often see people in the Union not wearing their masks correctly over the nose and mouth.

Glad it's in place. I don't like wearing them but it's what's best for all.

Finish semester out by wearing mask.

Compliance is good but time to make it optional not mandatory

A number have issues with covering their nose

5% of those wearing a mask place their mask (or allow it to fall) below their nose so that only their mouth is covered.

Some Issues

Wearing a mask and wearing it correctly are 2 very different things. Most people have a mask, but I can see more noses than I can't.

Wearing a face covering should be up to the individual now that a vaccine is available!

Today I was walking past a lab and saw approximately 10 students working on computers with no masks in plain sight. They seem surprised that I said something to them.

The compliance of following the mask mandate continues to go down. And people are becoming more stand-offish when asked to wear them.

Students are wearing face masks, but not always correctly (masks pulled below their nose or under their chin)

Still seeing noses not covered and when students are talking to each other sometimes masks are pulled all the way down.

Still a lot of people who do not cover their noses with their masks. This far along into the pandemic, there is absolutely no excuse whatsoever for not knowing this isn't acceptable. It's blatant disregard for policy and, more importantly, disregard for the protocols put in place to keep people safe. If those who refuse to comply with this extremely simple safety measure cannot grasp the enormity of their willful negligence, they should visit a COVID ICU ward. They should witness someone who just cannot breathe on their own being rushed into the ICU. They should witness this patient being intubated. They should witness this patient being tended to by nurses and doctors with the multitude of equipment necessary to keep them alive. They should witness this patient die and be removed from the equipment that will then be promptly be used for another patient. And don't forget the string of non-COVID patients who need urgent care that cannot be helped because there is no space for them, and there is nobody available to help them.....because the medical staff are working 18 hours a day keeping up with COVID care. Cover your nose, please.

Our UPS driver refuses to wear a mask. When asked to by one of our faculty, he refused. When we contacted UPS to make a complaint our calls were never returned.

One of the unvaccinated office staff in our department didn't bother to put on any of many face mask laying on the desk in front of her when I went to visit with her about my travel reimbursement forms. I informed my supervisor. I also observed numerous students in the hallways not wearing masks, wearing them under their noses, and even one with a mask held between his teeth instead of covering his face.

Most masks are not worn properly.

It seems that people in Construction Science + Architectural Engineering don't believe the mask mandate pertains to them. Faculty and students blatantly walk down the hall with either no mask or "chin diapers" (ones not covering their mouth and their nose.) Also students think that if they are at a chair in the hall or at their desk that the mask does not pertain to them.

I see some students and some faculty wearing the mask under the chin while in class.

I continue to see daily issues with students walking around in building without a mask. I see some students put on a mask just before entering a classroom so they don't get nudged by their profs.

Grounds personal not wearing in mornings and walking in hallways without mask. They are no different than personal that work that building.

For some reason there has been a lot more students and even a few faculty not wearing any mask inside the engineering complex the last week and half. This is besides the ones you always see not wearing them right.

First, thank you for the mask mandate. It's one of the primary reasons I'm comfortable teaching in person. In the last few weeks, though, I've seen an increase in students not wearing their masks correctly. While I'd say over 95% of people technically have masks "on," more and more are wearing them not only under their noses, but under their chins. It would be helpful if there was some enforcement mechanism for students, especially in hallways.

Although the majority of people are wearing a mask indoors, it does seem I am seeing less people complying with the mask mandate.

A large number of students either didn't have masks or use them correctly (nose/mouth open) inside Call Hall and Weber buildings. This behavior carried into some classes with apparent permission of the course instructor.

40% are wearing them under their mouths

Has Not Gone Well

The references the university supplies that mask work are more opinion papers than science research article. The Governs Face mandate needs to end.

Probably closer to only 50% wear masks correctly

More and more people are not wearing masks. We have handed out a full box of masks this last week alone.

It's time to take them off.

It is well past time to do away with mask mandate on campus. No where else in Riley county are masks required. We all engage elsewhere beyond K-State. Wearing masks in classes is doing nothing to alter virus spread given all the other contacts off campus not wearing masks. This would not be a problem if masks were not inhibiting teaching and learning. They are and they are serving no useful purpose given that they are only required here and no where else students or faculty members congregate.

In Old Seaton, the face mask compliance is abysmal. Maybe 30% of the students I see are wearing their masks over their nose. The rest have them below their nose and many- maybe 20-30% of all students don't have them over their mouths. In New Seaton, maybe 60% of the students wear masks over their nose. But inside studio spaces when faculty aren't around that number can drop to 30-40%. I used to ask students not in my class to pull their masks up but I have given up.

Can't Judge

Wearing a mask should be up to individual choice, not the universities.

Totally ridiculous to have to wear these masks.

This is stupid. There has to be a point to stop the craziness. Are you guys ever going to allow normalcy again.

Not enough offices have disposable masks available for students who forget.

I am not teaching so cannot comment on student compliance in class. I go to the Rec Center every day for about an hour and still see some issues there, particularly with students lowering their masks while exercising. Several things could be done. 1. Make sure the staff at the desk are always wearing masks properly, to set a standard for guests. 2. Put up posters in view of people using machines to remind them that masks must cover nose and mouth. 3. Have the staff walk around reminding people. They can threaten that if someone needs to be reminded twice they'll be asked to leave and if this happens more than once they'll be banned from the gym for a week or something.

Do not believe there should be a mask mandate.

2a. Further comments on what has gone well regarding COVID-19 protocols and compliance

Has Gone Well

Everyone in our division (staff and students) has complied with the rules set in place.

Most seem happy to comply

No comment

Positive cases dropping off

The football team appears to not have complications with not wearing masks while breathing and sweating all over each other, I am pretty sure the main student body can be afforded the same privileges as the athletes

They exist, not too many students and staff getting sick, at least as far as I know

University administration is working well with local health officials and Lafene. I appreciate the efforts to make campus safe.

everyone has a mask. most seem aware of the mandate. I have seen no issues

n/a

na

Some Issues

Having a policy in place.

I am impressed by the number of students who are carrying masks when they're outside on campus.

I think the majority of people are following the rules and doing as they're suppose to be there is a minority that are against all the measures in place that are becoming more vocal of their opposition.

It seems everyone at least KNOWS they're supposed to wear a mask while indoors, and I'd estimate around 70-75% are wearing them correctly.

Most people seem to be wearing masks. I'm glad that custodians only come in our lab and my office when no one is around.

The majority of people still appear to be wearing masks even if they aren't wearing them correctly.

Two faculty members in the building walk around with the masks on their chins. I have heard comments that some faculty have told students they don't care if they wear masks.

Well, as long as the mask mandate is in place, I am content.

Has Not Gone Well

COVID-19 signs are everywhere, so that's good. Not everyone may follow the rules, though.

Defiance of an ineffective indoor face covering mandate.

It is time for the masks to come off.

There are a lot of signs

Can't Judge

Everyone seems to be like zombies with these masks on. Would be nice to actually "SEE" people's faces.

Faculty at meetings are compliant.

It's not my job to judge other people and their choice.

3a. Further comments on any other specific issues you've experienced regarding COVID-19 protocols and compliance

Has Gone Well

na

n/a

No

N/A

Many of the classrooms no longer have cleaning supplies or victory sprayers due to micro or micron filters being placed in them. We just have to keep our fingers crossed the filters are doing what they are intended to do since the use of a victory sprayer will render the filter ineffective.

Just a lot of not wearing masks correctly.

I've not had to remind anyone that they left their mask in their office. When coworkers have observed mine, they realize they are missing theirs, and quickly return to their office to get one.

I don't see a problem

As a person with an immune compromised family member, I am disappointed that there is no vaccine mandate in place. Every day I teach, there is a degree of anxiety for possible transmission of the virus to my family. As an R-1 institution, we should be addressing the incongruity between our mission (generate and use evidence based research to support communities) and the lack of response to vaccination; we are graduating students who aren't making decisions based on evidence. This is disconcerting.

Some Issues

There have been no repercussions for those (faculty, staff, and students) that are not complaint with the face mask policy (not wearing one or wearing incorrectly).

Please make mask wearing mandatory on campus, inside buildings or outside. The only exception being when somebody is completely alone/isolated outdoors.

Our UPS driver refuses to wear a mask. When asked to by one of our faculty, he refused. When we contacted UPS to make a complaint our calls were never returned.

Frequently see faculty and students in our building without masks at all, and those that have them on rarely have them on correctly.

Everyone seems burned out from this. The mask policy is not being enforced in some buildings and faculty are tired of trying to enforce it themselves.

COVID-19 will never go away; we need to adjust policy based on science (i.e. effectiveness of masks, effectiveness of vaccines) not media basis. We must also allow individuals to determine his/her one's own aversion to risk (i.e. wear the mask or not, get the vaccine or not).

Has Not Gone Well

Students use the allowance to unmask while eating/drinking to keep a mask off all the time so long as they have a drink in hand. Students are also eating/drinking in classroom spaces outside of class and unmasking.

Stop requiring masks.

Masks are not being worn or are worn incorrectly. Signage needs to be upfront in in their faces in order for it to NOT be ignored.

I rely on reading lips to help me understand what a person (those with soft voices and those with accents) is saying. The mask mandate creates an issue.

Defiance of an ineffective indoor face covering mandate. People refusing to comply with a non-scientific mandate.

Basically in my department and classrooms signage is nonexistent. Not near what it was last spring semester.

Are all offices open for face-to-face business? As a parent of a student at KSU, my child has found that a lot of administrative offices are not open and several departmental offices are not open for face-to-face. Why? I thought KSU was OPEN for business? I would like to complain because several emails that my child has sent to administrative offices, they have not received a response or if they did receive a response it was too late to do something about the question they asked. If individuals are working remotely, then why does it take so long to get an question by email answered? I ask again, why are some colleges/departments open and some are not? THANK YOU to those are working on campus and that are here for the students!

Can't Judge

The mask mandate should be dropped and if individuals chose to wear a mask or not should be up to their own choice, not the Universities. Creating more anxiety and scared individuals will not bring us back together. If we want to be a Family, we should all stop living in fear.

Can have 50,000 in college/NFL football stadiums. No outbursts of COVID and if there are, it's a few and they've all been vaccinated. People are getting fed up with all this. It's causing more mental/health issues than before, depression, anxiety, etc. Natural immunization counts for a lot. Let's give it a chance and not freak out if there are 10 positive cases. It's flu season!!