

COVID-19 Compliance Survey Results

228 total responses

208 qualifying responses from those who worked on campus

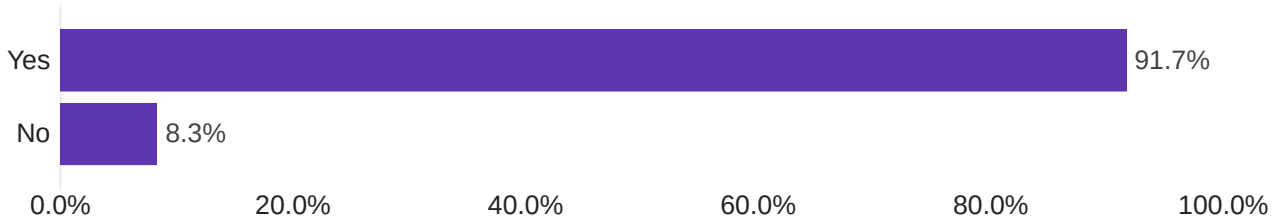
Survey administered 09/02/21-09/15/21



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

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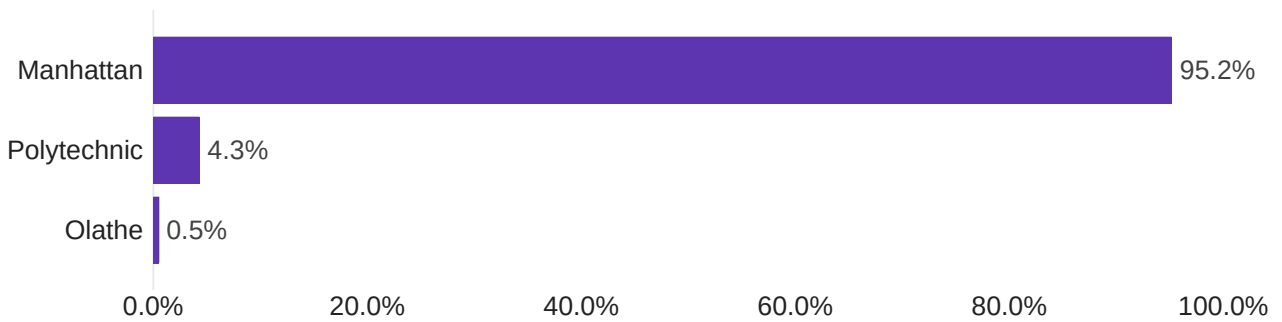
Field	Percentage
Yes	91.7%
No	8.3%



On what campus are you primarily located?

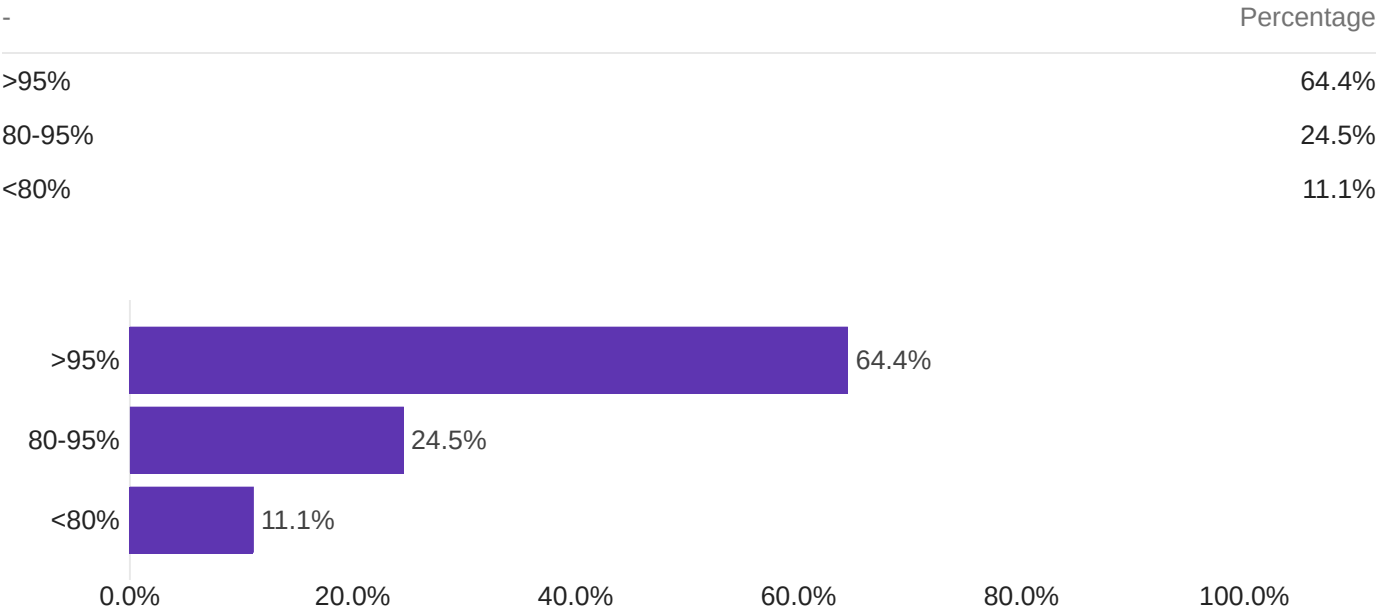
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-	Percentage
Manhattan	95.2%
Polytechnic	4.3%
Olathe	0.5%



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

208 Responses



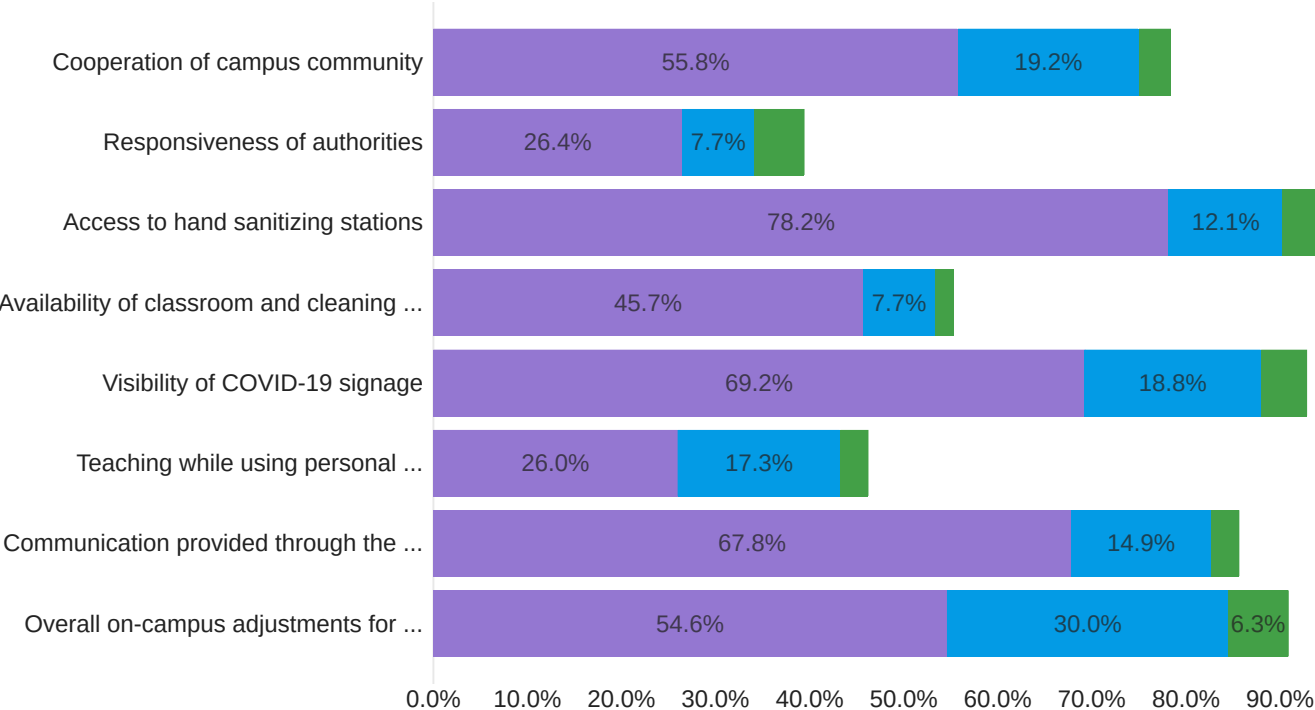
2. From your perspective, what has gone well or not gone well in the past two weeks regarding COVID-19 protocols and compliance.

208 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	55.8%	19.2%	3.4%	21.6%
Responsiveness of applicable authorities when issues arise	26.4%	7.7%	5.3%	60.6%
Access to hand sanitizing stations	78.2%	12.1%	4.4%	5.3%
Availability of classroom and cleaning supplies	45.7%	7.7%	1.9%	44.7%
Visibility of COVID-19 signage	69.2%	18.8%	4.8%	7.2%
Teaching while using personal protective equipment	26.0%	17.3%	2.9%	53.8%
Communication provided through the COVID-19 website	67.8%	14.9%	2.9%	14.4%
Overall on-campus adjustments for COVID-19	54.6%	30.0%	6.3%	9.2%

Chart below excludes Can't Judge

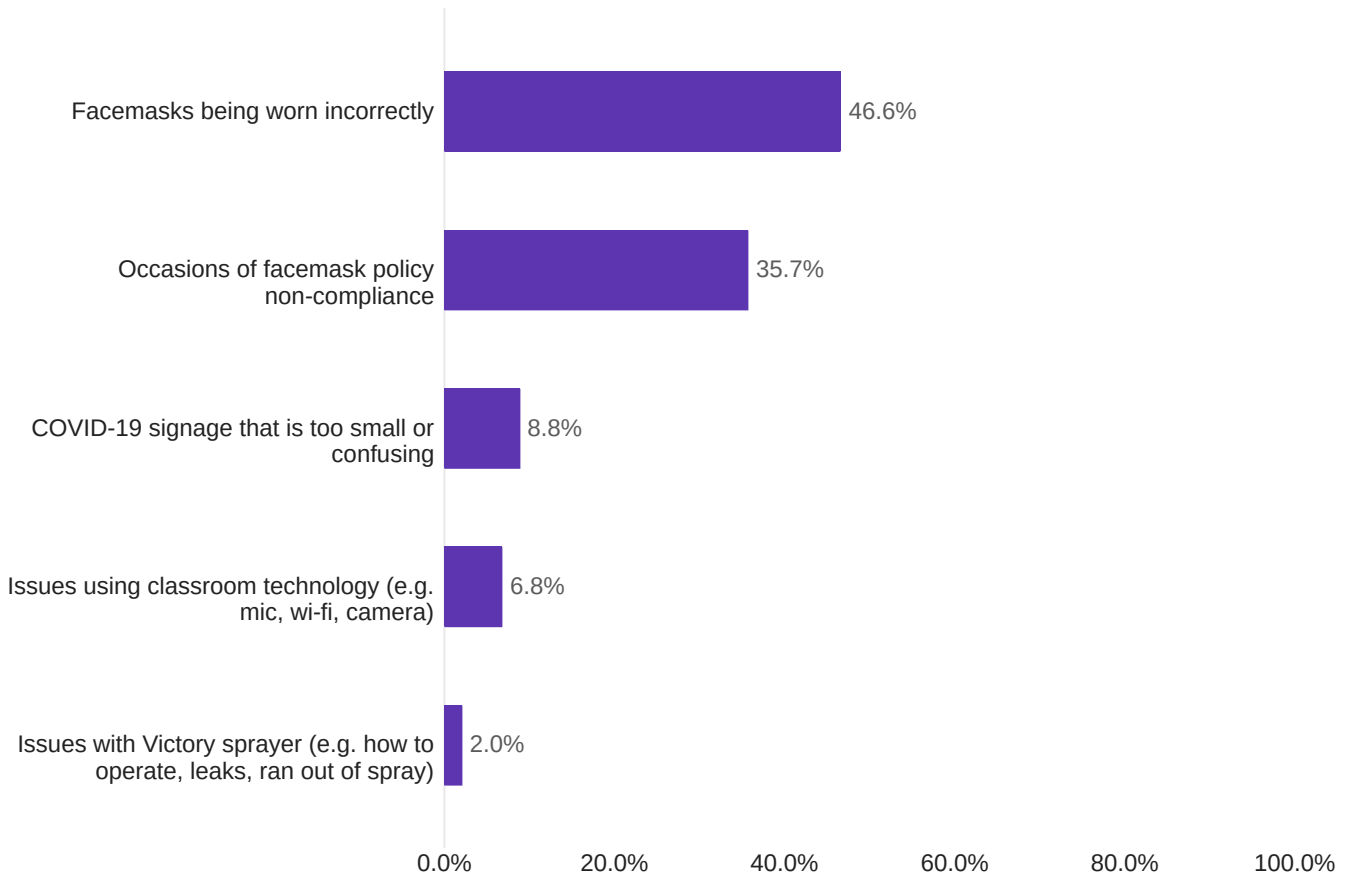
● Has Gone Well ● Some Issues ● Has Not Gone Well



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)

168 Responses

	Percentage of Choices
Facemasks being worn incorrectly	46.6%
Occasions of facemask policy non-compliance	35.7%
COVID-19 signage that is too small or confusing	8.8%
Issues using classroom technology (e.g. mic, wi-fi, camera)	6.8%
Issues with Victory sprayer (e.g. how to operate, leaks, ran out of spray)	2.0%



K-State COVID-19 Compliance Survey Results - Comments

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

Has Gone Well

we have masks on hand to address students who forget to bring one. have seen uptick over last week (5+ per day v. 1-2 per week previously) in those not having masks for class.

keep this face mask policy in effect.

Wearing masks needs to continue

Very very hard to enforce.

The vast majority in Throckmorton where my office is located and where I teach are wearing masks. Maybe 10% need a reminder to put their masks on when they enter the building, but most are wearing them.

The only consistent problem I see is people not wearing their masks over their nose.

The mask makes me feel hot and claustrophobic.

The biggest struggle I see is with facilities employees. They either aren't wearing them or are wearing them with their nose hanging out.

Students are doing well, despite there not being a lot of reason for them to wear masks.

Students and faculty have been compliant, even if a few are reluctant. Guest speakers have needed a reminder that masks are required.

Still see occasional instances of not having the mask covering the nose and mouth.

Still noticing some students walking around with their mask below their nose, but not many. I have one student in my class whose face covering constantly falls, or she moves it off her face when she is talking.

Some students seem not to know that the nose as well as mouth must be covered

Some students need to be reminded to wear their masks over both nose and mouth. Some students remove their masks when working in a room without faculty. Upon faculty entering, they quickly correct put on their masks.

Some issues with students not wearing their masks properly. Such as noses being exposed. Also, when sneezing they tug on their masks.

Some are asking to take off if it is just two people talking in an office. I have said no to the request in my office, but I have seen others want to take together if it is just two or three and they are "about" six feet away from each other.

Should not be required but be a personal choice

People with mask below nose.

People seem to be getting more relaxed all the time.

Most will comply if asked, have had a few ask for one because they forgot, not wearing completely over nose is common

Most wear covering both nose and mouth.

Most are in compliance

Many people still let them slip down, uncovering their nose (and even occasionally a mouth)

Keep the mask mandate

Just a few students have frequent slippage (with mask slipping beneath nose)

It is excellent, you should have a 100% category

In favor of keeping it in place

I'm not seeing any issue. I've seen a couple of students without but when asked they put them on - just forgot as they came into the building.

I work in a very crowded environment and there are a few who don't think the mask rule applies to them. They rarely cover their noses and some observed without mask talking to others. While it's a mandate, I believe folks don't feel comfortable, or that it's their place (myself included) speaking up and reminding them to put on their mask. Last week 3 different people were coughing frequently last week while not wearing a mask.

I have seen more people indoors wearing masks.

I have over three classes with a total of over 200 students - not a single issue of non-compliance so far.

Face covering compliance has been high.

Face coverings compliance is high. Well done KSU

Face covering should be kept mandatory. Compliance seems to be high.

Dysktra grounds while indoors and storeroom not wearing

Compliance at Rec Center had been poor two weeks ago but apparently this has been mitigated since then.

All students wearing them, however many not wearing them properly.

A number of people still aren't covering their NOSES with their masks, and think holding a drink is an excuse to keep their mask down.

Some Issues

many people take masks off to speak then put back on when sitting

i consider 'wearing a facemask' to mean wearing a facemask correctly: covering both the nose and mouth.

Worst offenders are male students in hallways

With the next waves of variants continuing to pelage the country, I feel mask wearing should be mandatory and will continue until the pandemic is eradicated. The country is in a less safe state than a year ago.

While most people wear masks appropriately there are many folks that are not covering their nose. They pull the mask just below to expose the nose which defeats the purpose of wearing the mask in the first place.

Wearing improperly. Below their nose or make shifting so it looks like they're wearing it.

This is not unusual as I was meeting with a student in the Call Hall Dairy bar. The student and I and the workers were all wearing masks. Those eating and drinking were not.

There is one student in stat 766 who comes in and takes his mask off his nose and sits that way the entire class.

There are still some who insist on having their nose not covered.

There are pockets that are good, but then there are some offices with less than 10% mask wearers. No clue how to reach those areas that just say no to it.

The students appear to be tiring and more are not wearing masks in study areas and hallways

The only non-compliance I see is when people are far apart - i.e. walking down the hall, moving from one place to another. I see nearly 100% compliance when people are grouped together.

The Rec is a huge area of concern. Despite signs and warnings that violators of masking policies may be removed from the facility, a very large number of students do not cover noses with masks. Weight room supervisors either aren't paying attention or look the other way and let this continue. This needs to be taken more seriously and addressed.

Thank you for requiring face covering

Students who take a short cut through buildings to get to another building do not wear their masks indoors. They tell you "I am just walking through."

Students are wearing masks but a high percentage are not wearing them correctly. In between classes, many students are not wearing masks in the hallways and common areas.

Some students are not wearing the mask properly - doesn't cover their noses, and they keep touching and adjusting their masks!

Some labs are more lax than other about making members wear face masks once inside their lab rooms. Most people are wearing them in the hallways and other common areas.

People will put on their masks if they see someone else in the halls, elevators or stairs but otherwise, there's a group of students, staff and department leadership that do the absolute minimum to comply and often the noses are out. In some places on campus, mask signage is not allowed, regardless of campus policies.

Overall, compliance is good. I see some people without masks when they are alone in small offices, but I think that is acceptable. However, there are also some people who do not wear their masks when sitting at their desks in public-facing offices where foot traffic is high. I think if your desk is in a high-traffic area you should be wearing a mask.

Only about 50% are wearing the mask correctly. Most don't cover their noses or just wear the mask on their chins covering nothing. Some students even remove the mask to talk

Not everyone is following the requirement and while it is mostly students, I have also seen staff without face covering indoors.

Need to cover noses with masks. Need to cover noses with masks. Need to cover noses with masks. Need to cover noses with masks. Need to cover noses with masks. Need to cover noses with masks. Need to cover noses with masks. Need to cover noses with masks. Need to cover noses with masks.

Most people are wearing them. Students who are in buildings studying sometimes like to take them off or wear them under their nose.

Most have had face coverings; however, less than 50% of students wear their face coverings correctly (i.e. over mouth AND nose).

Lots of people wearing them incorrectly (noses out, etc). Lots of people who have them off while in offices, and then don't put them on when someone walks in.

Lots and lots of students are not wearing masks properly.

Just about everyone I see has a face mask but I see quite a few students wearing them under their noses or even under their noses and mouths. Sometimes it's just that the mask has slipped, but other times it's clear that it's intentional.

In between classes, students are clustered in the hallways in our building and they are pulling down masks to speak with one another.

I've had a few that I have had to remind to put on masks. They would usually comply then pull them below their noses.

I work in the library and have heard announcements reminding everyone to wear their masks and how to properly wear them. While walking around the library I find that some ignore this announcement.

I see more face masks in areas where they are offices but still seeing facilities people without masks indoors.

I see lots of "naked noses". Perhaps >30%. I see lots of students putting their masks on *after* entering the buildings, and removing them just before leaving the buildings. I see lots of people not wearing masks in their private offices, even when they have visitors. Many times these visitors are also not wearing a mask.

I have noticed almost everyone wearing face coverings in CVM East

I do not see many faculty staff wearing their masks when leaving their desk and walking in the halls.

I do not mind wearing a mask.

I believe they are a waste of time and give me headaches.

Have observed many issues re: placement, but everyone has them.

Face mask is on but a significant percent are being worn incorrectly

Every week fewer and students seem to be wearing masks in common areas in buildings. Multiple people weren't wearing any kind of mask in the engineering complex the last two days I have been there. In my classes compliance has been 90-95% before requesting the 5-10% fix their masks.

Compliance seems to lower in the hallways than in the class rooms.

Has Not Gone Well

Wearing masks indoors in classroom spaces seems to have a high compliance, but mask wearing at the Rec Center is much lower. A large number of students just pull the mask down while working out and others wear them improperly. I've stopped going and will soon cancel my membership. The number of students wearing masks in the Union is also very poor. Not just while eating, but anytime they are in the building.

The problem right now isn't individuals wearing masks, it is that offices are not open to our customers, students, faculty, and staff. But yet K-State Manhattan campus is open????

Students have informed me that they don't want to wear facemask indoors and will transfer if required to wear face mask.

Nobody seems to be wearing masks in open shops

I find wearing a face covering as dumb, because we were without just a few months ago and nothing has changed.

Faculty and staff are the worst in this building, but there are a lot of students not complying either. And about 25% of the students that do, wear the mask as a chin diaper or under their nose. We need help with enforcing compliance and we're getting zero from departmental leadership (who incidentally also do not wear masks during our faculty meetings and allow faculty to attend without wearing them either). Please help...

95% of people are wearing face coverings, but it should be 100% wearing them correctly. A lot of people let them fall below their noses or even down to their chins. Some students become belligerent when asked to cover their noses. People have become very complacent (despite the fact that we are having many students missing from classes due to illness).

Can't Judge

it is not a problem but the students are getting tired of the mandate

This is now a petty imposition. We can pack a stadium full of people but "safety" is the highest concern in a classroom. How about you let rational people make rational choices about what to put on their face. Please treat us like adults.

There is about 50% of staff and faculty who wear face coverings in my building and even less people wearing them when we have host courses.

People are not doing what they should in offices that have more than one person in them.

People are doing pretty well in classrooms; though "mask slippage" (masks worn below the nose) is pretty common. In hallways, I see a lot more exposed faces.

Mask should be a part of the requirements to all buildings.

I have been busy doing the job I am paid to do to count and pay attention to who is not following regulations. Maybe hire someone to do this.

I don't think Face coverings should be a policy or mandated. I think it should be up to everyone's comfort level, meaning each person gets to decide personally not the University. Even when Vitamin D levels are at the highest of the year, there shouldn't be any policy/mandate for face coverings.

Compliance I have seen has been good.

Because I have an autoimmune disease, wearing a mask makes breathing difficult. Seems like the whole purpose of getting vaccinated was so I wouldn't have to wear a mask. If it's truly that contagious then I should be allowed to work from home under medical care. I know people who are working from home and have no medical issues at all. The whole process seems hypocritical.

A small percentage of those with masks were wearing the mask below their nose, rather than pulled up properly over the nose.

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

Has Gone Well

All well except many buildings hand sanitizer units do not have sanitizer in the building.

Everybody is wearing masks and taking precautions

Following established protocols

For the most part, people are being compliant with the rules, and accepting corrections.

Happy to be back in person

I believe most of the folks where I work understand the significance of preventing viral spread and are willing to comply. NONE of us enjoy wearing a mask. You tell us what we need to do and most of us are more willing to comply.

I see students stop at the outside door and put on their masks. Occasionally, the student will forget his mask and they will knock on our door and ask if we have an extra mask. We keep some on hand for that.

None

People are wearing masks! This is good.

People seem to be trying! I do wish more staff were vaccinated.

People seems to the understanding the need to protect themselves and others.

Student compliance is far better than expected.

Students are compliant.

Students seem to be largely vaccinated.

University students, faculty and staff are wearing face masks indoors.

Vaccine mandates would be very helpful for classroom teaching.

doing about as well as can be expected.

sanitizer is now in stations

we are all doing what we are told to do

Some Issues

Announcements in the building reminding people to wear their masks and how to properly wear them.

Everyone is wearing the masks.

Facilities has done a terrific job keeping sanitizing equipment and supplies stocked and deployed.

Housing and Dining has worked really hard on protocols and compliance but the students and sometimes the staff act like they don't care

I appreciate the mask mandate. It's not perfect, but it's better than nothing.

I like the idea of the raffle for vaccinated staff and faculty.

I'm glad they did a campus indoor mask mandate. We'll see what happens after a huge attendance/tailgating at a football game with no masks.

I'm very glad that K-State reinstated the mask mandate.

I've seen no issues with requiring/wearing masks indoors

Most people adhere to the requirements. Fellow staff members are respectful in keeping distance and to personal circumstances.

Most people are wearing masks. I also am very appreciative of the fact that we DO have a mask mandate for indoors. THANK YOU.

Most people indoors are wearing masks

Most people, it seems, are on board with the importance of (properly) wearing masks to protect others. There are at least some cleaning supplies in most classrooms and visible hand sanitizer stations around campus.

People across campus appear to be adhering to mask mandate.

Signage is good and the requirements seem quite clear.

The university providing information on K-State Today regarding testing availability at Lafene Health Center is very good. Many students, faculty and staff have seen the information.

When individuals are asked to wear a mask, they comply. I work at Lafene, so we are a different scenario.

for the most part, people are following the rules

there is an actual mandate

Has Not Gone Well

For the most part, I feel like the students are complying with the masking. Same with the Faculty and Staff that are back in the offices.

I feel like the faculty, staff, and students are doing fairly well in this area.

It's easy to teach in a mask, and the clear ones provided by SAC are great for students that require accommodations. I feel like things may be going better elsewhere across campus, but they are going terribly here.

Limited compliance to Covid-19 Protocols on campus.

There are signs around my department on doors. It would be nice if they were larger and inside the building as well.

Can't Judge

Have seen all students wearing mask in building.

I'm deeply grateful we have a mask mandate and I truly hope it will carry on past the end of September. I already have students who are having to be tested for Covid, and at least one who has a roommate who tested positive, so we are not out of the woods.

Individuals on campus have been complying, I have not noticed issues with teachers using PPE while teaching

No one cares anymore about the holy cleaning supplies.

Students are tired of mandates that affect personal liberties

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

Has Gone Well

students are asking me if they can eat in my classroom. not sure if this is an excuse to take off mask. I haven't noticed anyone eating at all in my class though, just drinking water sometimes.

none

Vaccine mandates would be very helpful for classroom teaching.

The masks require students and faculty to be more intentional to speak into mics and with a strong voice.

The cleaning supplies are not readily being replaced. Paper towel dispensers have gone empty for many days and there are no longer sanitizing wipes available

The camera in my classroom is occasionally removed from the computer and moved around to face the students. Instructors who do this fail to place the camera back on the computer where it belongs. This behavior is not responsible but I don't know how to stop it.

Students continue to comply with masking protocols, despite the fact that test rates are lower than 5% and there isn't that much going on here regarding COVID.

Please allow faculty, at their discretion, who have been fully vaccinated, to remove their masks during lecturing since they are at the front of the classroom, more than 6' from the masked students. This is more than reasonable since not seeing my mouth diminishes the effectiveness of my interaction with my students.

Periodic reminders that masks are to be worn over the mouth AND nose might be warranted

Not following social distancing

Neither masks nor vaccination should not be mandated but be a personal responsibility.

N/A

Much of the COVID-19 signage was removed from the College of Veterinary Medicine. There is limited signage about wearing masks and social distancing within our complex.

I've noticed some people wearing masks incorrectly at the KSU Rec center. One day there were several basketball games going on and most people were either not wearing a mask or it wasn't covering their mouth and nose. KSU closed the courts shortly after that, and I appreciated KSU taking such action. Since then there seems to be better compliance.

I haven't used the classroom technology yet and haven't used the victory sprayer.

I haven't seen any issues on campus involving protocols

Departments and/or instructors need to take a proactive role in understanding the technology and room needs prior to the start of semesters. Academic schedulers cannot always move heaven and earth to fit the needs of individuals who did not properly plan.

Contradicting when you have indoor mask mandate but yet allow food, such as pizza, to be served indoors. Soap dispensers in bathrooms need to be checked regularly. Ridiculous to run out especially during pandemic.

All offices associated with university need to be opened and not remote and/or hybrid. Frustrating when you are expected to be on campus but cannot get ahold of offices that are not opened. Do away with remote policy as it is a way to abuse the system AND is being abused. They are not working 40 hrs a week but getting paid for it!!!

Actually witnessed on several occasions persons not washing hands after bathroom usage. Employees and students.

Some Issues

We have students entering departmental offices daily requesting masks because they forgot one. We have already gone through a box of 50 masks in two weeks. Can the university provide departments masks at no cost? Can they leave masks in the classrooms and keep it restocked without charging departments for the costs?

The rec needs more strictly and quickly enforced compliance.

Remind people what wearing a mask correctly looks like, please! I see an awful lot of people wearing masks under their noses.

Projector in my classroom has been acting up - IT is currently trying to resolve this issue. There is no mask signage on the west side of Ackert. Victory sprayer has run out of juice and has not been filled yet.

Paper masks are not fitted to the face so they are not protective except against a sneeze.

Non-university personnel not adhering to face mask policies.

It remains difficult to teach effectively with face coverings.

If microphones are going to be passed around for everyone to use during meetings, they should require speakers to have masks on when they speak! We should not be forced to hold or use a microphone that someone else had just spit into without a mask. This happens regularly in our college.

I've not seen Victory sprayers in most classrooms.

I see a lot of cloth masks being used. No ideas if they are 3 ply masks. I recommend the university encourage the use of 3 or more ply masks.

I have students needing to quarantine and multiple days/classrooms the technology has not worked for Zoom. I can usually record but microphone does not always pick up. Students are refusing to wear masks correctly and become very agitated when asked to comply.

I consider my observations of these non-compliance instances to have no impact on the spread of SARS-2 on the campus.

Again, need to better explain the "loophole" for lecturers not wearing a mask.

A big issue that no one is discussing is the campus remote work. We have sooooo many problems with people working remotely that aren't responding and doing their jobs and nobody is addressing this. Some offices are largely remote and you can't get email responses and you can't get them on a phone. If they're working from home it seems like they should do better at email responses and forward work phones to their cell phones. It's a huge issue in our office. And many being allowed to work remotely for their benefit and not to benefit the university or the office.

Has Not Gone Well

What benefit is it to the university to have some offices still working remotely? I feel like some colleges and administration offices are working remotely not for the benefit of the university BUT the benefit of the employee. What incentive are you giving employees that ARE back in the office and dealing with problems face-to-face on a daily basis.

Offices like the Registrar's Office, HCS, Financial Services are not responding in a timely manner to emails and since they are not working back in the offices, that is the only way to communicate with these offices. I don't understand if an office is working remotely then why do they not respond to an email in a timely manner.

Many faculty over in Weber do not comply with the mask rules and staff are still using plexiglass in shared offices with no masking. Faculty and staff walking around in the halls not wearing masks and leadership not wearing them at faculty meetings or enforcing the requirement for others to wear them either.

I think the Covid data portal should be updated more often. We saw a lot of cases among students last week and it seems like there's a general lack of awareness. If the University knew how much Covid we have, surely there wouldn't have been so much encouragement of parties and interactions associated with the game weekend. (?)

I am genuinely scared that by teaching on-campus I will get sick this year. It seems like we are all on painfully thin ice by relying on an 'honor system' on and off campus.

Can't Judge

Wearing a Mask makes it really hard to meet new people and remember their faces. The Mask is just not worth the trouble.

The Covid Guidelines website makes it quite difficult to find the contact info for the Office of Student Life. I would like to see that contact info added to the top of the "Covid 19 Exposure Protocol" page, for example, since we are telling students they should contact that Office immediately if they have an exposure.

If Covid is so deadly, our health is a major concern, the vaccine works, and forced to be in working in close quarters in order to keep our income to survive, why are some being bullied into getting this vaccine and all this tracking being done?

I put my own sign on my office door stating to please wear a mask while in my office, but people still do not comply. Some do not comply even when I ask them to wear it in my personal area.

I know people are so tired of wearing face masks. It is interesting to me that KSU has decided to start using them again while Riley County as a whole does not.

I do not know what a "Victory Sprayer" is.

-The videos being played on K-State today about "making things normal"....things can be normal don't make them normal by encouraging people to get a job, and incentivizing it. -Masking inside public spaces should be up to the individual choice. -Also, you're going to lose a lot of great employees if you proceed with the orders about the vaccine mandates. -How K-State Athletics can have a football game with ~45,000 unmasked individuals but you have to mask individuals in a classroom and work spaces. The game should be unmasked and classrooms and working areas should be up to the individual.