

COVID-19 Compliance Survey Results

210 total responses

190 qualifying responses from those who worked on campus

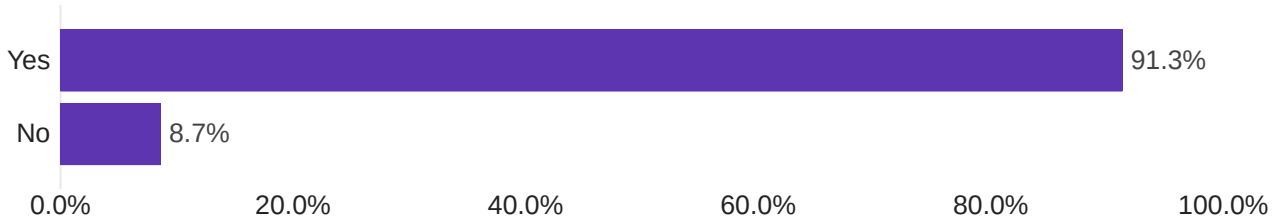
Survey administered 09/16/21-09/29/21



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

208 Responses

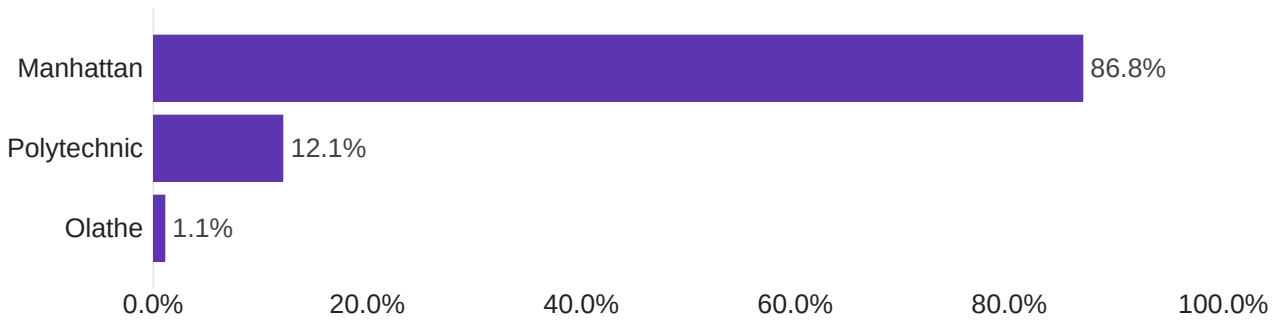
Field	Percentage
Yes	91.3%
No	8.7%



On what campus are you primarily located?

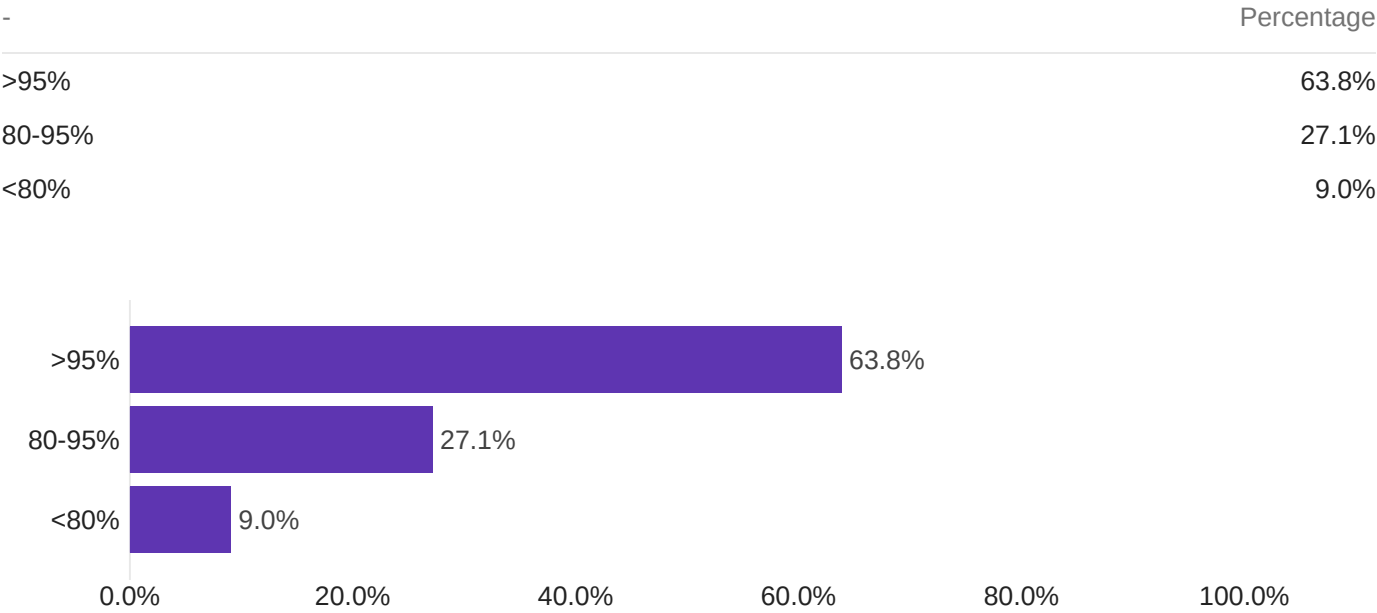
190 Responses

-	Percentage
Manhattan	86.8%
Polytechnic	12.1%
Olathe	1.1%



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

188 Responses

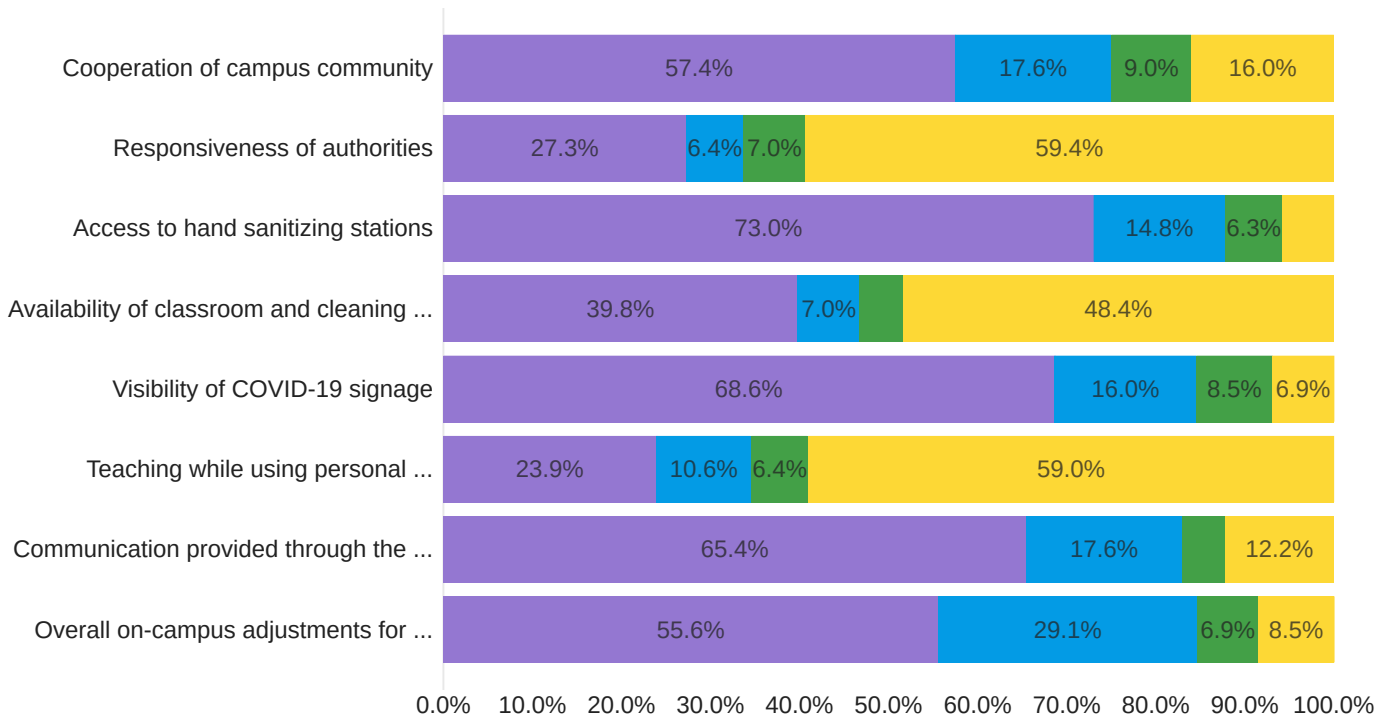


2. From your perspective, what has gone well or not gone well in the past two weeks regarding COVID-19 protocols and compliance.

189 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	57.4%	17.6%	9.0%	16.0%
Responsiveness of applicable authorities when issues arise	27.3%	6.4%	7.0%	59.4%
Access to hand sanitizing stations	73.0%	14.8%	6.3%	5.8%
Availability of classroom and cleaning supplies	39.8%	7.0%	4.8%	48.4%
Visibility of COVID-19 signage	68.6%	16.0%	8.5%	6.9%
Teaching while using personal protective equipment	23.9%	10.6%	6.4%	59.0%
Communication provided through the COVID-19 website	65.4%	17.6%	4.8%	12.2%
Overall on-campus adjustments for COVID-19	55.6%	29.1%	6.9%	8.5%

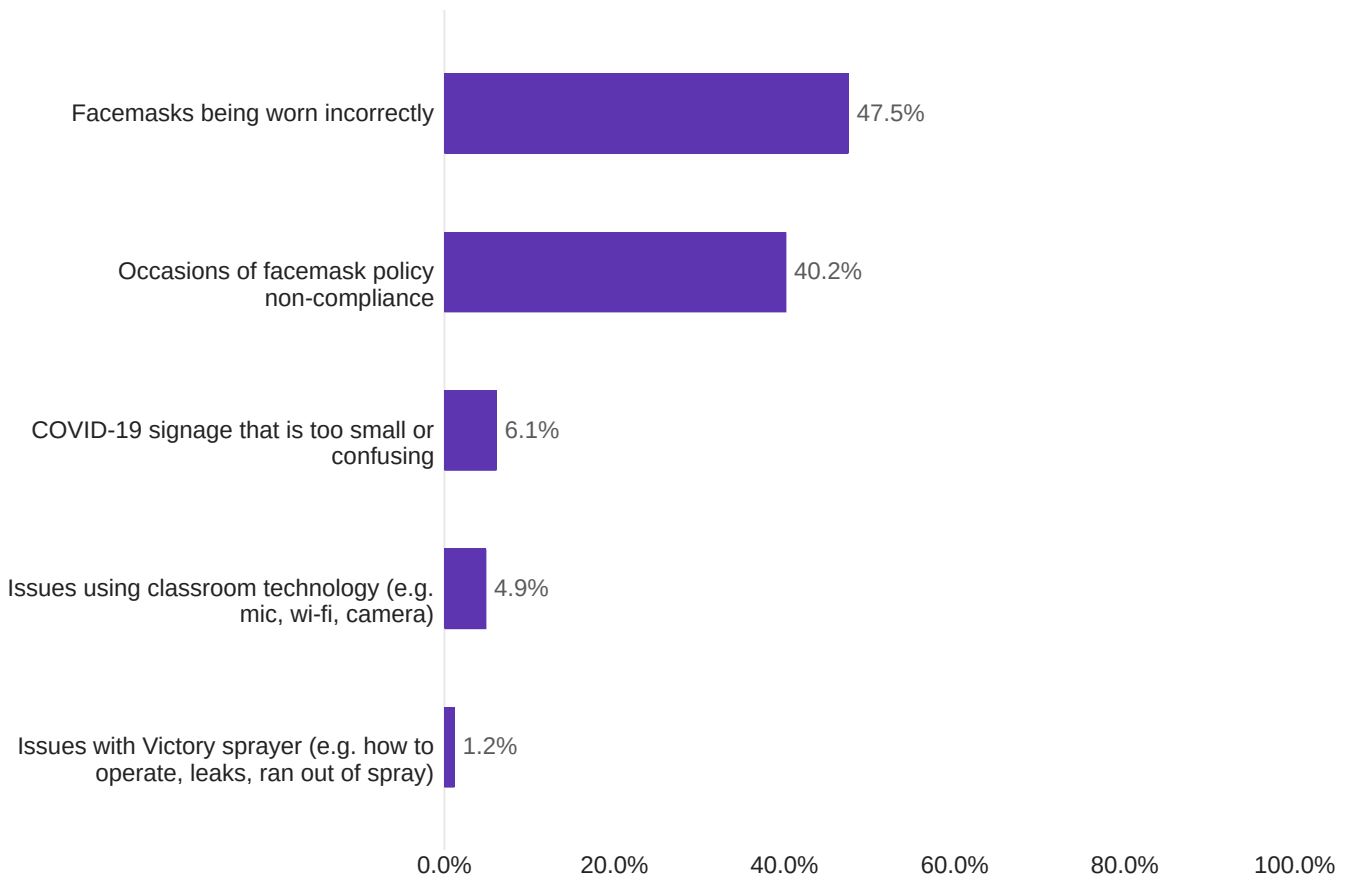
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 ● Can't Judge



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)

144 Responses

	Percentage of Choices
Facemasks being worn incorrectly	47.5%
Occasions of facemask policy non-compliance	40.2%
COVID-19 signage that is too small or confusing	6.1%
Issues using classroom technology (e.g. mic, wi-fi, camera)	4.9%
Issues with Victory sprayer (e.g. how to operate, leaks, ran out of spray)	1.2%



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

while this requirement is in place, there should be a note on the door about where a student, or visitor, can get a mask. For example, in Calvin they are available in the bathroom and in the Deans' office but there isn't a note on the outside door for students to know that.

often see masks worn under nose

good compliance

While in the classrooms and building, students have been generally in compliance. Staff is less compliant as they forget to put on mask if you walk into their office. HOWEVER, I attended a volleyball game on Saturday and compliance was EXTREMELY low! The only positive that I found was the student section was masked. Most attendees seemed to mask when coming through the door and immediately remove the mask such that it wasn't even visible on their body and NOBODY from athletics said anything! I realize athletics is separate but aren't their building considered part of K-State? It was appalling and I won't return unless they change some policies!

We are in a medical environment at the Lafene Building. A high compliance is appreciated within the department.

This only in designated areas. Not many are wearing face coverings in their office or outdoors

The mask need to cover the nose.

The faculty/staff that I've been working with has been very compliant except when eating/drinking. Students seem to be less compliant, especially with keeping noses covered or pulling their mask down to talk.

Students are not always wearing face masks in the study areas in our building, which is what happened a lot last year, too. I also see students, while I'm teaching, who are pulling the face masks down below their noses or pulling them away from their faces. I try to remind students to keep the masks on unless their eating or drinking, but it doesn't seem to be helping them keep the masks on throughout the whole class period.

Some people will remove the mask when going to the restroom but I will say 99.9% of people are wearing masks while indoors.

Some people don't wear the mask over their nose, defeating its purpose.

Several student continue to be lax with covering noses at all times.

Seeing more and more students not wearing masks in building and/or not wearing appropriately.

Overall compliance in the CVM has been excellent.

Only issues I've noticed have been with one staff member at Tullis.

Often students wearing face masks in the classroom are leaving their noses uncovered.

Often masks are worn improperly (Not covering the wearers nose)

Nothing further.

Many students visiting my office have to be reminded to keep masks on correctly. Mask non-compliance is a thing because students are tired of them.

Many masks are not worn properly

Lots of noses hanging out.

K-State's on-call contractors are getting pretty lazy about wearing their masks in the buildings. Students and faculty are starting to comment/complain about it. Not super helpful.

It's time to stop this silliness. Students aren't wearing masks anywhere else in Manhattan. This is now officially a pointless exercise.

Individuals who are in large groups or passing through buildings are wearing facemasks.

I work in Lafene, so probably a bit of a biased viewpoint

I support it! While co-vid is real please stick with the mask mandate!

I have witnessed individuals not complying with the face mask policy on a daily basis in Dykstra Hall.

I have seen some people who do not appear to be students not wearing masks inside. My students have been very good about wearing theirs, though it does seem that we have some fit issues (sliding down noses, etc.).

I have only had to provide disposable masks to 1 individual last week who didn't have one.

I have a couple students who come to class unmasked but use the surgical masks that are available in the classroom. At first I handed them out, now they come and just take one.

Face covering compliance inside buildings is not being followed by the majority of individuals I see in buildings. The Governor's mandate of wearing face coverings in State buildings is un-American.

Each day, I witness several students and staff/faculty members not wearing masks or wearing masks that only cover their faces partially.

A large percentage of students are not covering their noses. I have noticed two faculty members with their masks under their chins.

Some Issues

many individuals, especially students, don't wear them over their nose and mouth. Just let them hang around their chins.

less masking than last time I took the survey

Witnessed not only students being very lax with face coverings, but also faculty and staff.

When individuals are not around people of authority, they are relaxed with the policy. Once they see someone of authority close they readjust their masks. I have also noticed individuals (students, faculty, and staff) see someone not following the policy, but not say anything themselves but look for others to correct the behavior.

Too many students are wearing their masks under their noses despite many, many reminders and admonishments. I teach a large class and have to correct students at least 4 times during class time to wear their masks properly.

This seems to be a losing battle, more faculty and students are becoming defiant about face masks.

This mask policy is so ridiculous. People are hacking and coughing more!

There should be clarification about what constitutes a private office space if this goes on much longer.

The rec continues to be my main source of concern.

The number of infections in Riley County doesn't warrant the continued mandate for masks. Very few people continue to wear them around town, and new infections haven't spiked. Masks should be optional.

The Union seems to be a pretty big spot where I see students and university staff not wearing a mask appropriately. I constantly have to ask student in my office space to wear them, and when I walk through the building I count just as many people without a mask on as I do people with (even when they are not eating). We are very close to saying no food or drink in our office suite because students have started using it as an excuse (have something in front of them to make it look like they are eating when we ask them to put a mask on).

Students often become defensive when asked to put on their masks

Student compliance with wearing face coverings has shown a marked decline since the start of the semester. Just today I observed at least a dozen students either not putting on masks before entering a building, taking masks off before leaving the building, or not wearing face masks correctly while in the building (pulling masks down below the mouth and under the chin, wearing the mask below the nose), including a student in a classroom (observed while walking by).

Still a lot of uncovered noses. At this point, there is no excuse for not knowing this is simply not acceptable.

Overall, compliance has dropped in the last two weeks, and people becoming less friendly when reminded of the mask policy.

Most people have a mask "on" in some way indoors, but there are a lot of people wearing it under their noses.

Most people are wearing masks indoors, but those I see most often not wearing masks are certain students in hallways

Most folks are wearing them. That said, I have noticed a substantive increase in the number of folks who have them pulled below their noses (which defeats the point). Further, there is a student I have noticed multiple times in Waters Hall around 9:20 MWF who REFUSES to wear a mask. As faculty, I have asked him to put on a mask. He blows me off. During my last attempt to ask him to wear a mask, he told me to "fuck off." I have noticed a few others students not wearing masks, but they all put them on when asked.

Masks need to be optional. There's no reason for this campus to have a mandate.

Many people in our building, mostly administrators, do not wear masks while indoors. They take masks off during meetings, in particular.

Last week there was a rampant problem with masks not covering noses. I have had to continually ask students in the halls to cover their noses or go outside. It seems to have been getting better this week.

Interesting to me that the first question is still "have you worked on campus"... aren't we all supposed to be back on campus by now?

Individuals are observed to be wearing masks in all public areas. However, within an office setting, it has been observed that a staff member will, typically, wear a mask when visiting a co-worker's area - but the co-worker will not be wearing a mask during that conversation.

If you want to see results/compliance, set an actual goal with actual deadline/numbers. The whole "we will continue to revisit" hasn't gotten us very far, and it makes the student weary as to whether they can trust us and we would be accountable to our word.

I see A LOT of noses above masks, and I get tired of reminding the same students every day to get the mask back over their nose.

I have witnessed both students and staff without any face coverings inside the engineering complex buildings.

I comply, but to go from my office to the break room or rest room, where I may not see anyone, I sometimes do not wear a mask.

Faculty/staff who are in shared offices are doing a terrible job. It makes me incredibly uncomfortable. Being in your own cubicle 4 feet from someone else doesn't mean you can take your mask off.

Do not understand why we have to wear masks when you can attend a football game and sit beside and walk among hundreds of people and no one is masked. I think people are getting fed up of masking and completely agree. Time to move on.

Definitely seeing more masks slipping off noses and chins - sometimes just hanging on the face. Students need to be reminded that they need to wear masks over their entire mouth and nose.

Compliance at Recreation Center better, but still individuals seen wearing masks inappropriately (eg. under nose or under chin). The under-nose variant occasionally can be seen outside the Rec, in indoor spaces.

But not everyone is wearing facemasks correctly. Students often need to be told to pull their facemask up over their nose.

Has Not Gone Well

pointless requirement

more and more people are not wearing masks

a joke

Students have to be reminded constantly. Probably only 50% of those wearing masks wear them correctly. My department head and is administrative assistant to not wear their masks. Even when meeting with my department head individually in his office he does not wear a mask. I feel this is very disrespectful. The department head an administrative assistant did not wear their masks during a faculty meeting in our conference room. They did not maintain social distance. I find this very irritating!!!! There is not reinforcement and no way to adequately report these people. There is no consequences for those who choose not to wear mask. Leadership must come from the top.

Most wear masks, but PROPERLY wearing them is another story.

MASKS DON'T HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF ANYTHING AND SHOULD BE DONE AWAY WITH!!! Instead of mandating them, why not make them optional. This is stupid and doesn't follow any type of science. It just follows the stupid people of a particular party's desire for power and control.

I think this requirement is overstating the risks

I think it's working, lets keep it up.

I have seen maybe 20% of individuals wearing face coverings correctly (over mouth and nose). Students immediately take their face coverings off after exiting the classroom (while still indoors). And, individuals are very rude when asked to wear their mask. Faculty in the Department of Agricultural Economics are refusing to wear their masks.

Faculty and students within the college of arch engineering and construction science blatantly disregard the indoor mask policy. Multiple time over the past few weeks I observed faculty walking through the halls without masks, they would shrug and cover their with their hand and keep going.

Contractors DO NOT WEAR FACE COVERINGS! There needs to be a method of enforcement for this!

Compliance by faculty and staff is terrible in my building. The students do decently well, except less than 50% of them will wear a mask over their nose, so the building is not safe.

Can't Judge

some don't cover their noses

Many of the staff in our building do not comply with the face mask mandate.

I saw lower compliance at Bramlage at the Volleyball game. This includes Athletics staff with 7-10 employees with masks worn improperly. I saw a few people enter without masks at all.

I don't think the mask mandate should be implemented, and it should come down to individual choice.

I do not recall anyone *NOT* wearing a facemask in hallways or public areas of my building.

I appreciate the face covering requirement, it makes me feel a lot safer working in person in my office!

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

Has Gone Well

Being in this mode for a considerable period, most adjustments had been made and were continued.

Communication.

Defiance of individuals on campus in buildings to an un-American mandate issued by the Governor of KS.

Have been pleasantly surprised with the number of students wearing face masks inside the buildings.

I appreciate the sanitization supplies in the classroom!

I do not hear students complain and faculty and staff seem compliant as well.

I think overall faculty, staff and students are wearing their masks.

Instructors are doing a nice job of enforcing mask wearing during class and are doing their best to have individuals social distance. Lafene is doing an excellent job of testing.

Masking has been good!

None

Staff and students are following face mask requirements

Thank you for great leadership throughout the pandemic. The extra time off last Christmas meant a great deal. Thank you! So proud to be a Wild Cat. :)

Thank you!

classroom buildings

Some Issues

I see a lot of students wearing/carrying masks.

I see great mask compliance in the areas of campus I'm in.

Most people are complying. I feel fairly safe teaching in my classroom.

Most people are wearing masks, though you can tell the patience is wearing thin

Most people have masks on in some fashion when indoors, so it's clear to everyone what the expectation/policy is.

Most students have a mask and will wear it over their mouths.

Oh yes, it's gone splendidly. People work in fear every day.

Students and others in my work building seem to be complying with masking requirements

Students are mostly respectfully compliant with mask policy in the classroom.

Students are very respectful when addressed about-face coverings.

Students, faculty, & staff are doing a good job with masking on campus. Masking isn't a problem anymore. The problem is that offices (ones that student's have questions & need answers) are not open and doing business face-to-face. Isn't K-State open?? No wonder we are losing students! Students and parents are getting very frustrated.

The fact that most faculty and all almost all students complying is good.

The majority still appear to be compliant with COVID policies and protocols.

Has Not Gone Well

95% or more of students, faculty, and staff comply.

Even though I believe people are acting like sheep, people have been willing to make adjustments in order to not cause waves, including myself.

It's easy to teach in a mask. That seems to be the only thing going well as far as I can tell.

Stations with masks and hand-cleaning stations are available.

waste of funds

Can't Judge

I appreciate that Kansas State University continues to follow research based guidance in regards to COVID-19 protocols.

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

Will more Every Wildcat a Wellcat kit with reusable masks will be issued to staff, faculty, and students? This makes sense now that campus is open and masks are required.

Three separate occasions I witnessed individuals from the President's cabinet speaking to a group without wearing a mask. When asked it was communicated that it is hard to talk with a mask on. As faculty, we are VERY aware of this but it is still required of us. The rules for face masks should be followed by all university employees. Our leaders should lead by example.

The non-compliance issues are miniscule.

Some hand sanitizing stations in Waters Hall need refilling.

So other offices are also having issues with employees/offices being remote. You want to implement a time clock but yet there are so many employees working remote. They get to do whatever they want during working hours, like run personal errands during work time and not take time off, "conveniently" work extra hours so they "supposedly" have 40 hrs in by Thursday that way they can have a longer weekend by taking Friday off. How does this serve the best interests of the university?

None

I've had an extremely hard time getting students to comply with the mask mandate in my large class. My T.A.s and I constantly need to tell students before, during, and after class to wear their masks, wear them correctly, or refrain from removing them (entirely or partially) during class -- despite having an attendance-optional policy for my course. The lack of adherence is still a struggle even though multiple reminders in the classroom via Canvas announcements/emails have been giving to students, generally, and to specific students. Even outside of the classroom, students have been defiant and disrespectful regarding reminders about the mask mandate. For example, last week one of my colleagues told a student walking by in the hallway that they needed to wear a mask indoors. The student replied, 'Fuck off.' It is not just students that are refusing to wear masks correctly or at all, each week, we see faculty and staff in our hallways that will not comply with the mask mandate.

I see the college kids push it sometimes while studying at tables in the building but it's very little. I think they're doing better this time than they did with masks the first time. My bigger concern is how we're saying the university is 100% open but many offices are highly remote workers only and university faculty, staff and students can't get in touch with these offices when they need to. So we AREN'T 100% open at all. These offices don't give timely responses to emails and don't have automated responses saying there will be delays. The Registrar's Office policy is 5-7 business days before they will respond to inquiries and other campus offices have issues as well. HCS, financial aid and financial services all have delayed response time. These are some of the most important offices for our students and they have to wait days or longer for responses to emails that should be answered within 24-48 hours. I also feel that many are working remotely for their own benefit...to not have to drive to work, pay for gas and parking and just be able to get off their computers at 5:00 and be at home. How that would affect the university as a whole was NOT taken into account. Some offices are hiring new employees/students to handle the office tasks that their current remote workers can no longer do since they're working from home. So we're now paying 2 people to do what used to be one person's job. Those of us in-person don't feel valued at all. We are coming to campus every day, paying for our gas to get here, paying almost \$200 for parking permits and it doesn't seem to matter to anyone. It's just expected! Nobody cares to listen when we have complaints about anything. Even this survey will just be posted as survey results and nothing will change. The morale with in-person office staff on campus is really bad!

I see no problems with Facemask compliance.

I really appreciate the mask mandate; it makes me and my students feel more comfortable!

Everyone who wants to be vaccinated has been vaccinated. Let's drop the mask requirement and live life as normal.

Some Issues

What I have observed is that a lot of offices are not open and doing business face-to-face. Why? I thought our administration said that K-State is open for business? What incentive are giving the faculty and staff that are driving (paying for gas), parking (paying for a parking permit), and actually physically doing their job on campus in person? Nothing but yet people that are working remotely are bragging that they can do stuff at their home (like canning, laundry, yard work, nothing but sitting on their sofa at home) and still get a paycheck! Wow no wonder why the morale is so bad at K-State. I can see why a lot of people that have worked here for a long time are retiring.

Thought the reason for this vaccine was to not get COVID and be protected so why should we mask up?

The university needs to send out a reminder to students that they are required to comply with the mask mandate and what that entails, in terms of wearing masks correctly and at all times while in campus buildings

The supplies in the classroom I teach in are locked and inaccessible. (Umberger 105)

The signage are absent from my classrooms and so are the Victory sprayers

Sick people coming to work.

Our community is in a loss of identity at this point. If we are strict about the mask policy students don't engage, if we are relaxed about the mask policy students engage but we get in trouble for not following procedures.

Of course, we see plenty of people still not wearing facemasks correctly, which defeats the purpose. Many signs regarding COVID-19 that I have seen are small. I haven't seen a Victory sprayer in a while.

None.

Masks are inhibiting all things about teaching. When we went outside to have class, my students were different people than they are in the classroom. We are accomplishing nothing with the mask mandate that is good and only inhibiting interactions. Well past time to get rid of the mandate for masking.

I would prefer to make my own health choices thanks.

I would hope we can get to a point where we can teach without masks or shields. It should have been like that this semester, but because of the low vaccine rate, we must comply. I feel more pressure can be put on faculty to get vaccinated, although our state government has made that impossible, I believe.

COVID/Mask fatigue has set it, and there are some faculty and students that are becoming more defiant. It doesn't help when there are central administrators and college deans all sitting on stage next to each other without masks on and then sending those pictures out on social media and tagging each other. They were in no way socially distanced. How do you expect faculty and staff to comply to these policies when the leaders of the institution do not? This was not a single presenter at a podium without a mask, this was a panel of leaders sitting next to each other on stage without masks. The mixed messaging is causing added friction to an increasingly contentious situation.

COVER YOUR NOSES.....please and thank you.

Has Not Gone Well

this is a waste of my time and funding to the university its a cold

The COVID-19 signage is good but needs to be removed. It's time to move forward and have control over our own lives.

Individuals are now wearing the "non-masks". It is a mask with mesh/no actual mouth/nose covering.

I would suggest the protocols are excessive and unnecessarily raise the concern, fear and stress levels of the campus population.

Give raises to the double vaccinated employees.

Can't Judge

While students are waiting for classes they tend to leave their masks under their chins.

K-State today or any articles for a matter of fact are not informing individuals how to take preventive steps to combat the virus, if exposed. I haven't heard once about the benefits of Exercise, Vitamin C & D, breathing through your nose....etc. Listing the only way to "defend" yourself from a virus is a vax, and incentivizing it...Does that not scream Red Flag? 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.