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*A Message from Dean Cooley*

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**In this message:** New masking and distancing requirements affecting graduate students

July 6, 2021

Dear graduate students,

You may have seen the revised masking and distancing protocols sent in last week's [message](#) from Provost Strobel and Senior Vice President Callahan. At last, we are in the position to relax some pandemic-related requirements through the summer as we move toward the start of an in-person Fall 2021.

**Effective today**, fully vaccinated students, faculty, staff, and postdoctoral/postgraduate trainees who have [submitted their vaccination documentation](#) will no longer have to complete the Daily Health Check, wear face masks, or physically distance themselves from others when they are on campus.

Those who have not yet submitted vaccination documentation or been approved for an exemption are required to:

- complete [weekly asymptomatic testing](#).

- complete the [Daily Health Check](#).
- maintain a minimum 6-foot distance from others.
- wear a mask indoors, and outdoors when it is not possible to maintain 6 feet of physical distance.

To read detailed guidance for researchers, including information regarding lab safety, communal spaces, travel, and off-campus fieldwork please see [this message](#) from Vice Provost for Research, Michael Crair.

We hope to have more information regarding guidelines for the fall semester soon. In the meantime, enjoy your summer and contact the GSAS Health and Safety Leaders at [gsas.safetyteam@yale.edu](mailto:gsas.safetyteam@yale.edu) with any questions.

Sincerely,  
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