

# UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN PARKSIDE ORDER OF CHANCELLOR FORD

**DATE OF ORDER:** January 3, 2022  
Goes into effect immediately.

## **CHANCELLOR'S ORDER ON MEASURES TO MINIMIZE SPREAD OF COVID-19**

The State of Wisconsin is currently seeing an increase in the number of new COVID-19 cases, including the new Omicron variant. The continued implementation of Public Health Protocols including, but not limited to, wearing face coverings indoors; maintaining social distance; getting the COVID-19 vaccinations; and testing are recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), local health departments and healthcare professionals as important ways to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Risk reduction strategies will continue to be important as our state and county strive to vaccinate people as quickly as possible and as the threat of widespread virus variants looms. Many medical professionals and public health experts believe that wearing face coverings is the simplest way to slow and prevent the spread of COVID-19 virus without requiring people stay in their homes.

Based upon the foregoing, I, Deborah Ford, Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, by the authority vested in me by the Laws of the State of Wisconsin, including, but not limited to, Wis. Stat. sec. 36, and Wis. Admin. Code secs. UWS 17-18<sup>1</sup>, order the following as necessary to prevent, suppress, and control the spread of COVID-19 on our campus, the University of Wisconsin-Parkside:

### **1. Face Coverings Required.**

Every individual, regardless of vaccination status, who enters campus lands shall wear a face covering:

- (1) in all indoor public spaces, except for a student who is in their assigned residence hall room or an employee who is alone in a private, unshared office or lab; and
- (2) while riding a campus shuttle or university vehicle in which two or more people are present; and
- (3) Face coverings are optional when participating in organized team practices and competitions and when using campus fitness centers in the Sports and Activities Center.

“Face covering” means a piece of cloth or other material without valves or slits that is worn to cover the nose and mouth completely, is secured to the head, and fits snugly but comfortably against the side of the face.

**2. Vaccinations Recommended.** UW-Parkside recommends that all members of the learning community get vaccinated against COVID-19. The Student Health and Counseling Center (SHCC) offers vaccines and booster vaccines by appointment.

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<sup>1</sup> In addition to the generalized authority cited above, this order is being issued pursuant to the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Wisconsin and applicable policies in the University of Wisconsin System, including, but not limited to the following: Wis. Stats. ss. 36.11(1)(a) and (c), 36.09(1)(a), (f) and (L), 36.35(2) and 101.11; Wis. Admin. Code ss. UWS 18.11(6)(a) and (7)(e), UWS 18.08(9)(b), UWS 18.13, UWS 17.09(1), (14) and (15); and Regent Policy 23-2.

Students and Employees are asked to upload their vaccination verification to their SHCC MyChart account. Instructions for uploading documentation can be found on the Ranger Recovery website at <https://www.uwp.edu/RangerRecovery/vaccination-record-mychart.cfm>.

**3. Testing Required for Unvaccinated Students and Employees.** Regular COVID-19 testing will be conducted for students and employees who are not vaccinated. Students living on campus who have not uploaded their vaccination verification to MyChart will be required to get tested for COVID-19 weekly in the Ranger Hall Clinic. Commuter students who have not uploaded their vaccination verification to MyChart will be expected to get tested for COVID-19 bi-weekly in the Ranger Hall Clinic. Employees who have not uploaded their vaccination verification to MyChart are required to show proof of a negative COVID-19 test to their supervisor on a bi-weekly basis and can be tested in the Ranger Hall Clinic.

**4. Exceptions.** Requests for exceptions to this order should be made to the Director of Student Health, Counseling and Accessibility Services for students and to Human Resources for employees. These requests will be evaluated on an individualized basis utilizing the interactive reasonable accommodations process.

**5. Enforcement.** The UW-Parkside Human Resources Department, Dean of Students Office, and Police Department are authorized to enforce this order. Violations may result in employee discipline, student discipline and/or fine under UWS Chapter 18 and UW-Parkside Employee Expectations.

**6. Severability.** If any provision of this order or its application to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, then the remainder of the order, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this order are severable.

**7. Duration.** This Order shall become effective Monday, January 3, 2022, 12:01 a.m. This Order shall remain in effect until January 30, 2022, at 11:59 p.m., unless terminated, extended, or otherwise modified based on changing conditions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including CDC and state and local public health guidance, and campus safety.