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Dear DPOS Schools,

As COVID-19-related restrictions across the state are changing, we offer some guidance regarding classrooms, vaccinations, and social distancing. Each private occupational school is expected to follow all local, state, and federal guidance as it relates to required restrictions to the best of its ability. Listed below are a few Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) that may be helpful during this time:

Q. Are masks required indoors in classrooms?

A. For groups of 10 or more of unknown vaccination status, yes, masks must be worn.

Q. Do institutions of higher education in Colorado have to require students be vaccinated?

A. No. While the state supports vaccination, it is not a requirement.

Q. Given that some institutions are now planning to require vaccination, will masks still be required?

A. As of now yes, but the mask order will evolve.

Q. Do students have to be 3 feet or 6 feet apart in classrooms?

A. Students should be at least 3 feet apart in classrooms per the CDC.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/guidance.html>

Q. Are there any special requirements on labs (vs. classrooms)?

A. Not from the state, check with your county if you need guidance.

For more information about vaccination in Colorado, visit:

<https://covid19.colorado.gov/vaccine/where-you-can-get-vaccinated>

If you have any questions, please contact your school's assigned Program Specialist.
Thank you.

