

## Dear SCU Community,

Los Angeles County has seen a steady decrease in COVID-19 cases and has remained in the lowest tier of the CDC's "Community Level Transmission" over the last four weeks. Additionally, last Friday, the Los Angeles County Public Health Department (LACDPH) revised their indoor masking requirements. Masking is no longer required in Los Angeles County travel hubs; however, masks remain mandatory for healthcare environments. Further, the LACPH has shifted to having indoor masking in other settings be a matter of personal choice.

Given these developments, SCU is revising its own indoor masking requirements. Masks will no longer be required inside labs/classes effective tomorrow, Friday, September 30th. However, individuals may still choose to wear masks and the University will continue the practice of regularly providing KN-95s. It is important to note that while masks are no longer required inside labs/classes, they are still required inside the University Health Center, T Building Clinic, and all clinical settings where SCU students may rotate in Los Angeles County in accordance with LACPDH regulations.

In addition to revising its indoor masking requirements, the University is also changing guidelines associated with the Smartabase app. Individuals are no longer required to complete the daily health attestation on the app; however, it remains necessary to utilize the Smartabase app to immediately report COVID-19 symptoms, exposures, and positive test results.

## In summary:

- Masks are no longer required inside labs/classes;
- Masks remain mandatory inside the University Health Center, T Building Clinic, and all Los Angeles County clinical sites where SCU students rotate; and
- Daily health attestations via the Smartabase app are no longer required; <u>immediate</u> reporting in-app of COVID-19 symptoms, exposures, and positive tests is still required

We thank you for your patience and understanding. Stay safe!

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to either <a href="MelissaNagare@scuhs.edu">MelissaNagare@scuhs.edu</a> and/or <a href="JosephEggleston@scuhs.edu">JosephEggleston@scuhs.edu</a>