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Hi everyone and happy Friday,

We have a few brief updates as we prepare for the start of classes and increased on-site services next week:

Signage: Earlier this afternoon, Library facilities staff began distributing laminated copies of the campus-provided masking sign. These signs may be posted at service desks and other high-traffic locations. If additional copies are needed, please submit a ticket to Library Facilities by no later than the close of business on Wednesday, August 25th.

Masking: Please follow the campus requirements regarding facial coverings in all public and open staff areas. This will help all of our users and colleagues to be as comfortable as possible as we greet and work with each other.

Reminders: In the hopefully rare situation where we need to remind people of the policy, here is some suggested language:

“Hi. Current campus guidelines require that everyone wear a mask in the Library. Could you please put on a facial covering?”

With Library users, you may also offer language such as “I have a mask available if you don’t have one with you.” Each unit has been supplied with a box of masks for this purpose.

Eating and drinking: Under [Library policy](#) and campus guidelines, drinking of beverages in spill-proof containers is allowed in public areas of the Library, such as open study spaces where more restrictive policies have not been imposed to protect collections or equipment. Eating will be allowed only in designated areas such as the Main Library/UGL tunnel and areas near the GELIC Espresso Royale. Individuals may temporarily lower a mask when not eating or drinking in these areas.

Supporting each other: If an individual refuses to comply with facial covering requirements or other Library policies, please contact a co-worker, your supervisor, and/or someone in Library Administration for support. You should call UIPD (217-333-1216) if an individual becomes belligerent, disruptive, or threatening.

Thank you again for all you are doing for campus and for each other. We’re excited for the semester to start. Please reach out to us at any time with questions, concerns, or suggestions, and we hope you have a restful weekend.

Best,

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