

## UNIVERSITY OF SANTO TOMAS OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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TO: THE THOMASIAN COMMUNITY

FROM : OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

RE : UPDATED HEALTH PROTOCOLS ON WEARING OF FACE MASKS

DATE : 13 SEPTEMBER 2022

Consistent with Executive Order (EO) no. 3, s. 2022, released on 12 September 2022, the University informs the Thomasian community of the updated health protocols on the wearing of face masks, as follows:

## 1. Indoor venues

- a. Well-fitted face masks are **REQUIRED** when entering indoor facilities.
- b. Face Masks may only be removed when eating in designated places, while observing other minimum health standards.

## 2. Outdoor venues

- a. Wearing of face mask may be **OPTIONAL** in <u>non-crowded</u> outdoor venues where <u>good ventilation</u> and <u>physical distancing</u> are consistently observed.
- b. Individuals who are <u>unvaccinated</u> or with <u>comorbidities</u> are **strongly advised** to keep their face masks on, even in outdoor venues.

EO no. 03 reiterates the need to continue implementing minimum public health standards to effectively prevent and minimize the spread of COVID-19. Each one of us has a *shared responsibility* to keep ourselves and others safe from infection.

We strongly encourage the Thomasian community to constantly evaluate the health risks in every situation and exercise judgment on the most appropriate mitigating measures to take.

Thank you.







