



## **COVID-19 MASK POLICY**

### **RATIONALE**

COVID-19 continues to pose a serious health risk and Theta Phi Alpha believes all members have the responsibility to ensure the physical and mental health and safety of all its members. Implementing a mask policy will help meet this goal. The CDC recommends wearing masks indoors, even if you are vaccinated, due to the Delta variant in order to maximize protection of the community.

### **POLICY**

This policy is in effect for the remainder of the 2021/2022 academic year and it is subject to change in accordance with CDC and/or federal regulations. Any Chapter, Emerging Chapter, Alumnae Association, or individual found to be in violation of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action by The Grand Council.

This policy applies to all members and guests regardless of vaccination status. Theta Phi Alpha has two types of property, as defined in the Theta Phi Alpha Policy on Housing, non-residential and residential. Non-residential facilities are those without sleeping areas. Residential facilities are those with sleeping areas such as residence hall rooms or bedrooms.

### **NON-RESIDENTIAL FACILITY**

Masks are to be worn at all times covering both the nose and mouth by all members and non member guests. If food or beverage is to be consumed in the facility, a specific area should be designated where members and guests can be seated to eat or drink. This designated area is the only location within the facility where masks may be removed and only while seated and actively eating or drinking. Simply holding a utensil, plate, food, or beverage container does not constitute actively eating or drinking.

### **RESIDENTIAL FACILITY**

Masks are to be worn by all members, resident and guest, at all times and in all common areas. masks must cover both the nose and mouth. Food or beverage is only permitted in designated areas where members and guests can be seated to eat or drink. Masks may be removed only while seated and actively eating or drinking. Simply holding a utensil, plate, food, or beverage container does not constitute actively eating or drinking.

Masks do not need to be worn in sleeping areas such as residence hall rooms or bedrooms.

This policy is in effect beginning Sept. 1, 2021 until May 31, 2022 at which time it will be reviewed again based on additional CDC and/or federal guidance and regulations.