

Dear PSL and SIA Community,

Over the first few days of the semester it has become clear that a reminder about the Penn State mask policy is warranted.

*Everyone* (students, faculty, staff and guests/visitors) in the Katz building is **required to wear a mask over both the nose and mouth** at all times in all public spaces, including the lobby, commons, stairwells, classrooms, hallways, office suites (except in personal offices) and throughout the library. We need everyone's cooperation with this requirement.

**There are consequences** for non-compliance. We're hoping we don't have to go there, but we will if necessary. So, please do your part and wear a mask *properly* while in the building.

More detailed guidance from Penn State about the mask requirement is found [here](#). As set forth in that guidance, masks must meet the following guidelines: • Fit snugly around the mouth/nose and comfortably against the side of the face. • Be secured with ties or ear loops. • Include multiple layers of fabric. • Allow for breathing without restriction. • Capable of being laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape.

Also related, **eating is not permitted** in the Katz building, except in in the Panera dining area and in personal offices with the door closed. The Panera patio and the tent set up outside next to Katz are available to the PSL and SIA community for eating. Drinking is permitted in the building, but masks should only be lifted long enough to take a drink and then should be put back in place.

Thank you for your cooperation as work together to make this a safe, healthy and productive semester for all.

Best, RLS

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