**Guidelines for Social Gathering Context:** All UNC medical students are vaccinated. Cases are decreasing across the Chapel Hill campus with 1.3% positivity rates and daily positive cases over past week range from 2-7. Still there are many in our community who remain more vulnerable to infection including children, older adults and immunocompromised individuals. We will continue to ensure that our guidelines are in line with updated UNC Community Standards [https://carolinatoggether.unc.edu/community-standards/](https://carolinatoggether.unc.edu/community-standards/) and UNC Health Standards. UNC has also relaxed restrictions on how funds can be used to support student activities. We are monitoring rates closely and will further adjust guidelines as rates change.

**Current Community Standards:** You must wear a face mask at all times while inside any University building. Face masks are not required when outdoors but they are encouraged, especially when participating in any type of group event or gathering. There are limited circumstances where a face mask is not required while inside a University building. One such exception is while actively eating or drinking on University property.

**Application of Standards to Social Gatherings on and off campus for medical students and medical school faculty and staff:** Though per university policy, student and student and faculty groups may gather on and off campus and serve food. For UNC SOM sponsored events, groups should gather outside if serving food or offer food to go after the meeting. Funds may be used to support student gatherings and purchase food with fewer restrictions. Private social events off campus should continue to use good judgement and follow any specific guidance from Carolina Together about off campus gatherings [https://carolinatoggether.unc.edu/community-standards/](https://carolinatoggether.unc.edu/community-standards/).