



*From the Office of the President  
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### **RESPONDING TO COVID-19: UPDATE AS OF JUNE 2021**

First and foremost, we would like to thank the whole community for your care and dedication to keeping us safe and healthy through commencement. We are so grateful to each one of you for continuing to follow COVID best practices for the care and protection of everyone, particularly the most vulnerable among us. We made it through together, and we are still standing.

At this time, the COVID Task Force recently met to review Wartburg's guidelines in light of the new information and guidelines from the CDC that were recently released. Based on that information, we have updated our own guidelines here at Wartburg Seminary to best be in line with scientific experts.

**While the summer 2021 TEEM intensives will remain digital, these guidelines allow us to now welcome campus to in-person visitors.**

**New guidelines are as follows:**

1. For those who are fully vaccinated, masks are no longer required either indoors or outdoors. For those who are not vaccinated, you are required to wear a mask at all times when on campus. Anyone exhibiting cold or flu symptoms is encouraged to wear a mask when around others.
2. Indoor gatherings of more than 2 people are permitted.
3. Campus buildings are now open to the public.

While Wartburg Seminary is not requiring vaccinations for either employees or students, ***we strongly encourage all those who are able to receive the vaccine for the sake of the health and safety of the whole community.*** Vaccines dramatically reduce the spread of the virus and are a tangible action you can take to care for your neighbor!

The COVID Task Force will continue to meet over the summer and provide updates as needed. Specific information that relates directly to Prolog Week and the fall will be forthcoming in the summer months.

Thank you again for your thoughtful care and consideration for your fellow Wartburgers. Wartburg Seminary remains: Together (Vaccinated) Wherever We Are (or mask up)!

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