



# CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Campus Community

FROM: Michael Holmes *M.A.*  
Interim Vice President  
Administrative Services

DATE: January 19, 2022

SUBJECT: PPE Update: KN95 Masks for Students, Faculty, and Staff

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Chicago State University is purchasing a supply of KN95 masks to make available **free** to every student, faculty and staff member in the University community.

The CDC has updated its mask guidance to recommend N95 and KN95 masks in helping to provide wearers with a heightened degree of protection. Additionally, the latest public health guidance has noted that cloth face coverings **offer less protection** against the Omicron variant than against previous COVID-19 strains. To support this updated guidance, CSU will provide **free** KN95 masks to every student, faculty and staff member, in addition to the free surgical masks which continue to be available at the main entrances of our academic college buildings.

More details regarding the on-campus distribution process for the KN95 masks will be announced soon. The University additionally provides PPE to office suites and classrooms through the PPE request process by emailing [awheeler@csu.edu](mailto:awheeler@csu.edu).