



**Memo Regarding SMCC's Response to Elevated Covid-19 Risk  
5/7/22**

As much as we all wish the COVID-19 threat was behind us, recent developments in Maine have it made clear that that is not the case. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has elevated its risk assessment for half of Maine's counties, including Cumberland County, home to SMCC's South Portland and Brunswick campuses ([view online article](#)). Cumberland County is now designated as having high levels of community transmission of COVID-19 and the CDC recommends universal masking in all indoor settings in our area.

SMCC must do our part to keep the current surge in check, and above all to keep our students and employees as safe as possible. Consistent with our steadfast approach of listening to the advice of our healthcare experts, **SMCC will reinstate its mask requirement for all indoor spaces on our campuses and training sites starting Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**. We will continue to monitor the status of the virus in Cumberland County and across Maine and we look forward to being able to remove our mask requirement when the circumstances improve.

SMCC will also require those who are attending our Commencement Ceremony on Sunday, May 22 to wear masks.