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<b>DESCRIPTION:</b>	<b>UND SMHS Policy for SMHS-sponsored Events</b>		
<b>RESPONSIBLE:</b>	Dean's Office		
<b>PURPOSE:</b>	To establish direction for the School relating to hosting SMHS-sponsored events		
<b>FREQUENCY OF REVIEW:</b>	As needed, but at least annually		
<b>CREATED:</b>	Effective May 1, 2022	<b>REVISED:</b>	April 28, 2022

1. Approval from the UND Department of Safety is a requirement for those events that require such approval.
2. The UND SMHS will no longer require masks or other pandemic mitigation procedures in our buildings or during sanctioned activities as of May 1, 2022.
3. Graduation and other events will not require masks, and food/beverages will be allowed (subject to standard UND policies re: alcohol, safety precautions, etc.).
4. Notwithstanding the elimination of a *requirement* for masks, SMHS leadership still welcomes and encourages/supports mask use in buildings and for group events.
5. All participants at graduation and other events are strongly encouraged to self-test for COVID-19 prior to the event, and to not attend if positive or if the individual has any suggestive symptoms, regardless of test results. For those who want them, test kits are available at no cost outside of Room E468 in the UND SMHS building on the Grand Forks campus or through the regional campus deans' offices in Fargo, Bismarck and Minot.
6. The virus has proven how unpredictable it can be. Accordingly, this policy update is subject to further modification in the future if conditions warrant further changes.