

## Juneteenth

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Dear Colleagues,

Yesterday, President Biden signed a bill that recognizes *Juneteenth* as a federal holiday. Federal employees will observe Juneteenth for the first time today.

*Juneteenth* commemorates June 19, 1865 -- two and a half years after President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation -- when many Black people still held in bondage in Texas learned of their freedom.

The UA remains open today because adopting a federal holiday across Arizona is the State Legislature's purview.

After signing the bill yesterday, President Biden said, "It's also a day for us to reaffirm and rededicate ourselves to action."

Please join me in stopping what you are doing for a moment to remember those who suffered in, from, and because of slavery in the U.S. and its appalling legacy.

Please join me also in considering what you will do to rededicate yourself to acting consistently with our shared ideals and values so that we can *be the most sought-after place to be a part of* -- for everyone.

Thank you for all you continue you to do for those you love, your friends and colleagues, and for those you don't know and won't know you, but whose lives your Extension, teaching, and research are transforming.

Regards,  
Shane

### UA FACE MASK REQUIREMENTS

#### A. Regardless of your Vaccination Status you must wear a mask:

In all indoor classrooms, other group instructional settings and in any University library.

In a CatTran or any other public transportation provided by the University

In any University operated or affiliated building or facility where patients are seen, including Campus Health and Banner University Medical Center buildings

At the University of Arizona state of Arizona Vaccine Point of Distribution (POD)

At sites operated by other institutions that require use of face coverings

**B. Fully Vaccinated people:** can participate in indoor and outdoor activities without a mask or physically distancing, *except for the locations in A.*

**C. Non-fully vaccinated people must wear masks:**

in all classrooms and other group instructional settings.

in all university buildings, except when alone in a single occupancy office.

in any University of Arizona outdoor space where continuous physical distancing of at least 6 feet cannot be easily maintained.

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