

THE SENATE OF THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BODY

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A Resolution Formally Supporting High Risk Community Members

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Approved by the Senate of the Undergraduate Student Body, and prepared for the presentation to
the president of the Undergraduate Student Government

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Approved by the president of the Undergraduate Student Government, and so order into effect.



Gabriel Wagner
Speaker of the Senate



Alexander Chiarelott
President of the Undergraduate Student Government

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In the Senate of the Undergraduate Student Body here assembled,

1. **Whereas**, the Undergraduate Student Government represents the undergraduate student voice
2. at Bowling Green State University; and

3. **Whereas**, Bowling Green State University and the Undergraduate Student Government
4. aim to ensure all student voices are represented within the Senate; and

5. **Whereas**, Bowling Green State University has updated their mask policy to no longer require
6. face coverings on campus; and

7. **Whereas**, this presents new and unique challenges to individuals who are
8. immunocompromised or otherwise high risk for health complications relating to COVID-19
9. and other communicable diseases; and

10. **Whereas**, individuals who have been diagnosed with cancer, chronic kidney disease, chronic
11. liver disease, cystic fibrosis, dementia, diabetes, heart conditions, HIV infections, or sickle
12. cell disease, as well as individuals who are overweight or pregnant, and individuals who may
13. have suffered a stroke or are otherwise immunocompromised are, according to the CDC, “at
14. higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19”¹; and

15. **Whereas**, older adults are also at an increased risk of experiencing severe illness from
16. COVID-19, with 81% of COVID-19 deaths occurring in individuals aged 65 and over
17. according to the CDC; and

18. **Whereas**, these two populations represent a large section of the community of BGSU
19. students, faculty, and staff, as well as their loved ones who they may reside with or be in
20. regular and requisite close contact with; and

¹ <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html>

21. **Whereas**, as lower COVID-19 reported case numbers may bring lower levels of concern for
22. some, many who are themselves or have loved ones who are at high risk for health
23. complications must still be highly attentive to the safety of their environments; and
24. **Whereas**, Bowling Green State University has declared a “goal of ensuring health and
25. safety of our community, as well as a successful academic year;”² and
26. **Whereas**, faculty may still require face coverings in individual classroom settings based on
27. comfortability and need; and
28. **Therefore, Let it be Resolved**, that the Undergraduate Student Government strongly
29. recommends increased communication between faculty and students to make informed
30. decisions for individual classroom mask policy; and
31. **Let it be Further Resolved**, that the Undergraduate Student Government recommends the
32. assembly of self identified immunocompromised or otherwise high risk students or generally
33. interested students to voice specific concerns to the Chief Health and Wellness Officer; and
34. **Let it be Further Resolved**, that the Undergraduate Student Government supports the
35. continuation of the initiative to provide masks to students, faculty, and staff of Bowling
36. Green State University.

² <https://www.basu.edu/covid19.html>

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Passed by the Senate and ordered presented to the president of the Undergraduate Student Body for Approval or Veto.



Gabriel Wagner
Speaker of the Senate

I do hereby approve and order this legislation into effect.



Alexander Chiarelott
President of the Undergraduate Student Government

I do hereby disapprove and order this legislation to be returned to the Senate.

Alexander Chiarelott
President of the Undergraduate Student Government
