Date: May 13, 2021

To:      UME Field Faculty and Staff

From: Jim Hanson, Associate Dean and Associate Director

RE:     Outdoor Masking Restrictions

As many of you know, Governor Hogan lifted restrictions on outdoor mask-wearing last week.   We have been seeking guidance on how to best proceed.   We believe that the best approach will be to follow the protocols set by the county or local jurisdictions for our outside adult and youth programming, if social distancing requirements can be met.

Excluding the protocols for the use of masks for outside programs, UME faculty and staff should continue to follow the program reopening guidelines which can be found on [UME Answers](https://agnr.atlassian.net/l/c/9uHJ649X).   While allowing for more freedom in the use of masks, we still strongly encourage the use of masks by our faculty, staff, and volunteers.

Also, given the Governor's announcement yesterday, May 12, further updates will be forthcoming from me next week regarding COVID19 social distancing and our reopening program guidelines.