Face Mask Guidelines

Effective immediately and until further notice, everyone on campus must be wearing a face mask at all times (except while seated for lunch in the dining hall and designated eating areas while meeting our social distancing standards). Either a cloth or surgical mask can be worn. The use of a face covering can reduce the spread of the virus. It is required that all faculty and students wear a mask as there may be asymptomatic carriers.

Students may wear any mask that is comfortable for you as long as it meets the following criteria:

- Choose a mask with a good seal that fits your face comfortably.
- The face mask must cover your nose and mouth and fit securely around your face.
- Please select a mask in a SOLID COLOR ONLY (no slogans, writing or designs are allowed), or you may wear a mask with an SJPII logo or subtle pattern.
- You are welcome to wear a plastic face shield if you wish, but you must still wear a mask.
- Reusable masks should be washable and washed every night.
- If you do not have a mask, the school will provide one for you.

Examples of school-approved face masks:

The following will NOT be allowed:

- Bandanas
- Neck gaiters
- Masks with valves ([Information on masks with valves](#))

Examples of masks NOT allowed to be worn at school:

Students may remove masks **briefly** as needed to drink water during the day. Masks may also be removed for eating. Everyone should remain socially distanced from each other when removing masks to eat. **PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE YOUR MASK TO SNEEZE OR COUGH. YOU MAY ENDANGER THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU, AND IT DEFEATS THE PURPOSE OF WEARING A MASK.**

We recommend every student comes to school with an *extra mask* in case one is lost or breaks. Masks found on campus will be disposed of (they will not be sent to lost and found).

When faculty or staff who are alone in an office, room, or workspace *may* remove their mask while working but must put the mask on fully (covering nose and mouth) as soon as someone enters their office, room, or workspace.

Please refer to the World Health Organization Guidelines on how to wear a face mask.

HOW TO WEAR A MEDICAL MASK SAFELY

Do's →

- Wash your hands before touching the mask
- Inspect the mask for tears or holes
- Find the top side, where the metal piece or stiff edge is
- Ensure the colored-side faces outwards
- Place the metal piece or stiff edge over your nose
- Cover your mouth, nose, and chin
- Adjust the mask to your face without leaving gaps on the sides
- Avoid touching the mask
- Remove the mask from behind the ears or head
- Keep the mask away from you and surfaces while removing it
- Discard the mask immediately after use preferably into a closed bin
- Wash your hands after discarding the mask

Don'ts →

- Do not Use a ripped or damp mask
- Do not wear the mask only over mouth or nose
- Do not wear a loose mask
- Do not touch the front of the mask
- Do not remove the mask to talk to someone or do other things that would require touching the mask
- Do not leave your used mask within the reach of others
- Do not re-use the mask

Remember that masks alone cannot protect you from COVID-19. Maintain at least 1 metre distance from others and wash your hands frequently and thoroughly, even while wearing a mask.

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HOW TO WEAR A NON-MEDICAL FABRIC MASK SAFELY

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Do's →

Clean your hands before touching the mask

Inspect the mask for damage or if dirty

Adjust the mask to your face without leaving gaps on the sides

Cover your mouth, nose, and chin

Avoid touching the mask

Clean your hands before removing the mask

Remove the mask by the straps behind the ears or head

Pull the mask away from your face

Store the mask in a clean plastic, resealable bag if it is not dirty or wet and you plan to re-use it

Remove the mask by the straps when taking it out of the bag

Wash the mask in soap or detergent, preferably with hot water, at least once a day

Clean your hands after removing the mask

Don'ts →

Do not use a mask that looks damaged

Do not wear a loose mask

Do not wear the mask under the nose

Do not remove the mask where there are people within 1 metre

Do not use a mask that is difficult to breathe through

Do not wear a dirty or wet mask

Do not share your mask with others

A fabric mask can protect others around you. To protect yourself and prevent the spread of COVID-19, remember to keep at least 1 metre distance from others, clean your hands frequently and thoroughly, and avoid touching your face and mask.

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