

Learning Environments – COVID-19 Summary Health and Safety Guidelines for Fall 2020

Purpose: Provide safety and prevention guidance and protocols for in person teaching and learning environments.

General Guidance:

- Occupancy limits for educational spaces will be determined based on the requirement to maintain six feet of physical distancing.
- Face coverings are required indoors (minimum of cloths masks, clear masks, or surgical masks).
- The exception is private offices or situations where no contact with others is anticipated.
- State and local guidance is evolving and could require updates to this document.

Classrooms:

- Students are required to wear masks or face coverings.
- Faculty are expected to maintain physical distancing of six feet from students and are required to wear masks or face coverings.

Update Notes:

- **There has not been sufficient evidence produced that face shields (open at the bottom) or clear barriers provide protection from aerosol dispersion, so these are not being considered as an alternative to the use of masks or face coverings.**
- **Clear masks are available upon request. The current model available can be viewed at <https://www.theclearmask.com/>.**
- **Other models of clear masks are being researched for procurement.**

Laboratories/Studios/Specialized Department Spaces:

- Task specific Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) must be worn in accordance with department guidelines.
- The same guidelines for classrooms also apply to department spaces in regards to physical distancing and masks or face coverings. With the potential in these spaces of breaching six foot distancing, the County guidance of limiting interaction closer than six feet to no more than fifteen minutes will be in effect.
- Protocols for music spaces (choral and instrumental) are addressed in separate guidance.

End of Guideline