SUMMARY OF HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS -- 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 cloth 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 indoors and they must be worn outdoors, including under canopies, when it is not possible to maintain six feet of distance. Every effort should be made to maintain six feet of distance in all environments.

- Faculty members 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 15 minutes will be in effect.

- Protocols for music spaces (choral and instrumental) are addressed in separate guidance.