In accordance with the Compliance with Health and Safety Directives policy, this document has been developed with the overarching priority of ensuring the health and safety of our students, employees and the surrounding community. This directive will remain in place until further notice. Incidents of noncompliance will result in referrals to the Office of Community and Ethical Standards (students), Office of Human Resources (employees) and Procurement Services (contractors).

FACE COVERINGS

Health officials advise wearing cloth face coverings to aid in the prevention of virus spread, both from person to person and through contamination of contact surfaces. It is considered an additional public health measure to help reduce community transmission of COVID-19.

Cloth face coverings are required for all students, faculty, staff, contractors, vendors and campus guests:

- While in all Clemson University buildings, including housing and dining facilities. Students should wear face coverings when guests are in their residence and when accessing public areas and shared spaces.
- During all University programs held in non-University buildings.
- In outdoor spaces on campus where appropriate physical distancing cannot be guaranteed.
- In all University vehicles and while using University transportation/mass transit.

Face coverings are not required:

- When alone in private offices, classrooms or in housing rooms.
- When not in close contact with another person, such as walking alone outside.

In very limited circumstances, face shields may be used as a safe alternative to face coverings. In addition to specialized jobs (such as medical care providers or emergency responders), possible exclusions where the use of a face shield may replace the use of a face mask include the following:

- Those seeking to communicate with the deaf or hard of hearing and for which the mouth needs to be visible. If available, a cloth face covering with a clear panel should be worn while communicating in this manner.
- Faculty and instructors who can maintain no fewer than 6 feet of physical distancing. Before and after instruction, the face shield must be replaced by a cloth face covering. Professors working near podiums, desks or other work surfaces should disinfect those areas after the class.
- Those with documented disabilities who cannot wear cloth face coverings may request accommodations. Contact Student Accessibility Services (students) and the Office of Access and Equity (employees).
- Employees should reach out to their business officer to receive complimentary masks when asked to return to work.

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