



**CLEMSON UNIVERSITY
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)
HEALTH AND SAFETY DIRECTIVE: FACE COVERINGS**

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FACE COVERINGS

Regardless of vaccination status, face coverings* are **required**** for all students, employees, contractors, vendors, and campus guests while in all Clemson University:

- instructional spaces (classrooms, instructional labs, etc.);
- research labs;
- medical facilities to include COVID testing sites (Redfern Health Center, Sullivan Center, etc.); and
- University and public transportation (CATBus, Tiger Transit, etc.).

Masks are strongly encouraged in other spaces where gatherings and group interactions take place. Specifically in shared workspaces (to include shared office spaces, meeting spaces and conference rooms), please wear masks if asked to do so by a colleague

In very limited circumstances, face shields may be used as a temporary 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:

- For faculty and instructors, during instruction, who can maintain at least 6 feet of physical distancing from others. Before and after instruction, the face shield must be replaced by a face covering.
- Those seeking to communicate with the deaf or hard of hearing and for which the mouth needs to be visible. If available, a face covering with a clear panel should be worn while communicating in this manner.
- Those with documented disabilities who cannot wear face coverings may request accommodations. Contact Student Accessibility Services (students) and the Office of Access and Equity (employees).

NOTE: Athletics operations will follow NCAA recommendations.

*See CDC guidance for choosing an appropriate face mask.

**Masks may be temporarily removed when eating or drinking. Masks must be replaced when not actively eating or drinking in spaces where masking is required.