CLEMSON UNIVERSITY
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)
HEALTH AND SAFETY DIRECTIVE: MASKING

This document has been developed in accordance with the Compliance with Health and Safety Directives policy. 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).

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

- instructional spaces (classrooms, instructional labs, etc.);
- research labs;
- Clemson University Municipal Court;
- 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.

In very limited circumstances, face shields (while not recommended by CDC) may be used as a temporary alternative to masks. 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 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 mask.
- Those seeking to communicate with the deaf or hard of hearing and for which the mouth needs to be visible. If available, a mask with a clear panel should be worn while communicating in this manner.
- Those with documented disabilities who cannot wear masks 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 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.

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