



**CLEMSON UNIVERSITY
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)
FACE SHIELD GUIDELINES**

Face shields may be an acceptable exception to cloth face coverings in very limited circumstances as noted below. Physical distancing, while wearing a face shield, should be the maximum distance allowed by the space, but no less than 6 feet.

1. Those seeking to communicate with the deaf or hard of hearing and **for which the mouth needs to be visible**. Physical distancing must be maintained at all times, and a cloth face covering must be worn in other circumstances. If available, a cloth face covering with a clear panel must be worn while communicating with the deaf or hard of hearing.
2. Those **faculty/lecturers/instructors during instruction** who can maintain no fewer than six feet of physical distancing. Before and after instruction, the face shield must be replaced by a cloth face covering. Podiums, desks or other work surfaces near where the instructor is stationed should be disinfected by the instructor after the class. NOTE - Fitness instructors may not use this exception.
3. Those with **documented disabilities** who cannot wear cloth face coverings may request accommodations. Students should contact Student Accessibility Services and employees should contact Access & Equity. Depending on the circumstances and especially in enclosed buildings and classrooms, face shields may not be a reasonable accommodation considering the [CDC's recommendations](#).

Face shields used while physical distancing is maintained or face shields in addition to face masks (to include cloth face coverings, surgical masks, N95s) may be appropriate for some **specialized jobs** at Clemson University including but not limited to medical care providers, emergency responders (fire, police and EMS), occupational and environmental safety employees, and some facilities employees. In coordination with Occupational and Environmental Safety (OES), these departments will be responsible for evaluating if and how face shields should be used within their departments and communicating that information to their employees.

NOTE: All face shields used for Clemson University purposes must be obtained through the Clemson University Procurement Office. Once the request is made and the exception approved, Procurement will provide face shields [or face coverings with panels] to the department for distribution.