GUIDANCE FOR FACE COVERINGS IN PUBLIC

On April 15, 2020, the Pennsylvania Secretary of Health issued an order outlining requirements for businesses remaining in operation. One of the key requirements from this order is that now all members of The University Community **must** wear a mask or face covering while on campus.

The use of face coverings and personal protective equipment (PPE) is beneficial, but does not replace other safe practices, such as respiratory etiquette, hand hygiene and social distancing.

**OPTIONS FOR FACE PROTECTION**

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Plastic faceshields and eye protection (goggles) can also be used for added protection.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Members of the University Community must wear a **mask** when visiting campus. You may use your own mask as long as it was obtained or made in accordance with [PA Department of Health Guidelines](https://www.pasch本质为形態設計l.gov). The University will provide masks to essential employees.

- Continue to keep about 6 feet between yourself and others. The face covering is not a substitute for social distancing.

- Due to current supply issues, the use of N95 masks should be limited to Healthcare Professionals, including EMS.

- The Environmental Health & Safety Office can review your area and provide recommendations.
How to Wear Cloth Face Coverings

Per CDC recommendations, cloth face coverings should:

- Fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
- Be secured with ties or ear loops
- Include multiple layers of fabric
- Allow for breathing without restriction
- Be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape

*Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance.

Should Cloth Face Coverings Be Cleaned?

Yes. They should be routinely washed depending on the frequency of use.

How Does One Safely Clean a Cloth Face Covering?

A washing machine should suffice in properly washing a cloth face covering.

Removing a Face Covering

- Try to only handle the straps
- Do not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth when removing
- Wash hands immediately after removing.