

University Policy Requiring Face Coverings

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To Students, Faculty and Staff:

The University continues to require all individuals -- including students, instructors, staff, and visitors -- to wear a face covering that covers both the nose and mouth while in or on all University buildings and grounds. This includes both outdoor spaces and indoor common areas. Individuals need not wear a face covering in a private office with the door closed or personal living space (e.g., residence hall room).

We understand there may be some confusion following the decision by the Michigan Supreme Court invalidating many of the Governor's executive orders, but the University's policy has not changed. Wearing a face covering has proven to be one of the most effective methods of reducing the spread of COVID-19. We appreciate the efforts of the majority of our community thus far in terms of adherence to the [University's Safe Return to Campus Plan](#), which includes the University's face covering requirements.

Students who believe that they have a medical condition that prohibits them from wearing a face covering while on campus should contact the Disability Resource Center at drc@emich.edu. Employees (including student employees) who believe that they have a medical condition that prohibits them from wearing a face covering while working should contact University Human Resources at hr_benefits@emich.edu. Without an approved accommodation, face coverings are required.

We expect every member of the campus community to follow these policies as part of our community commitment to safety. Students who do not comply with the University's policies are subject to the University's [Code of Community Responsibility](#). Questions regarding enforcement involving students should be directed to the Office of Wellness & Community Responsibility at emu_owcr@emich.edu or 734-487-2157. Employees who do not comply with University policies are subject to disciplinary action. Questions regarding enforcement involving employees should be directed to University Human Resources at hr_employment@emich.edu.

We all have a role in the fight against COVID-19. Please [pledge](#) to do your part to keep #EMUSafe everyday by respecting others and supporting the health and well-being of the EMU community. Please [click here](#) to review the University's policies and other information regarding our collective battle against COVID-19.