

MC Guidelines for Using Masks

The Medical Crisis Response Task Force has developed the following guidelines for using masks on campus. By following these guidelines, you are helping to ensure that you and other members of the MC family remain healthy and that our campus remains open.

Face masks/cloth face coverings must be worn in all MC buildings.

Face masks or face coverings must be worn inside all MC buildings, including in classrooms, hallways, restrooms, laboratories, study areas, etc. There will be no entry to any campus building without a mask.

Faculty and staff are not required to wear masks when working alone in their offices or in isolated work spaces. However, when others visit the offices or isolated work spaces, masks must be worn. All MC faculty, staff, and students should have masks on their person and ready to wear at all times when on campus, including when outside.

Students should bring a clean mask with them each day.

Putting On Your Mask

- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer prior to handling the face mask/covering.
- Put it over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin.
- Fit the mask snugly against the sides of your face.
- Avoid touching the front of the face mask/covering.

Taking Off Your Mask

- Be careful not to touch your eyes, nose, or mouth when removing the face mask/covering.
- Loop your finger into the strap and pull the strap away from your ear, or untie the straps.
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer immediately after removing.

Storing and Washing Your Mask

- Store your face mask/covering in a breathable bag, such as paper.
- Cloth face coverings should not be used more than one day at a time and should be washed with regular clothing detergent after use.
- Disposable face masks should not be used for more than one day and should be placed in the trash after use.

Masks ARE:

- A visual reminder to maintain social distancing.
- A physical reminder not to touch your face.
- A way to help reduce the respiratory spread of infection. Remember, you can spread the virus even if you don't have any symptoms.
- Additional protections for vulnerable populations, especially those with health issues.

Masks are NOT:

- A substitute for hand washing (20-second scrub with soap and water) and hygiene.
- A substitute for social distancing of 6-feet spaces between individuals.

More Tips on Preventing the Spread of COVID-19 (Descriptions are the links)

- How to put on and remove a mask https://youtu.be/vuO_iaZH8ZQ
- How viruses spread and how to use masks and gloves safely
<https://youtu.be/eVJbenwzR1s>
- How masks help protect against Coronavirus
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P27HRCIMf2U>
- How to wash your hands <https://youtu.be/lisgnbMfKvI>

All guidelines are pursuant to the State of Mississippi, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and federal government directives.