

## **Missouri Southern State University**

### **Face Mask/Covering Policy**

Effective July 13, 2020, all students, faculty, staff, contractors, vendors, and visitors are expected to wear masks/face coverings while on the MSSU campus, including in classrooms.

Masks/face coverings are also expected to be worn in office spaces and outdoor spaces where physical distancing is difficult to maintain.

Wearing a face covering is not required in a private office, when alone in a space, or in your own residence hall room.

There are some exceptions for face coverings that will be made under the following circumstances:

- For those who fall under the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's guidance for those who should not wear face coverings due to a medical condition, mental health condition, developmental disability, or are otherwise covered under the Americans with Disabilities Act; Those individuals seeking accommodations from wearing a mask/face covering, should contact the appropriate representative (Students should contact the Disability Services Coordinator at 417-659-3725, Faculty and staff should contact the Human Resources Office at 417-625-9527).
- For dining facility patrons while they are dining; or
- For individuals exercising or while walking with other people from the same household, if social distancing from others who are not your family or household members can be maintained; and engaging in organized group or team sports, or other physical activities where it is not practicable or feasible to wear a mask or socially distance; or
- In settings where it is not practical or feasible to wear a face covering, including when obtaining or rendering goods or services, such as the receipt of dental services or medical treatments.

MSSU will be providing two cloth face coverings to all students, faculty, and staff before the fall 2020 semester begins. Interim measures have been taken for the specific groups of individuals that are on campus for the summer term. For summer employees, masks will be available for pickup at the Beimdiek Recreation Center beginning July 13, 2020.

In addition to wearing masks/face coverings, you must also take the following personal precautions while on campus:

Practice physical distancing at all times (at least six feet of physical separation between yourself and others).

Practice good personal hygiene, including washing hands frequently with soap and water or using hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap is unavailable.

Routinely clean and sanitize your work space and shared equipment.

Adhere to the guidelines and recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as well as federal and state governmental authorities, in order to protect your own health and the health of the entire MSSU community.