

MUSKINGUM

U N I V E R S I T Y

STUDENT FACE COVERINGS Policy

Responsible Office:	Student Affairs
Responsible Administrator:	Associate Vice President for Student Affairs
Effective Date:	August 1, 2020
Amended:	August 17, 2020
	September 10, 2020
	October 12, 2020

100. Preamble

Muskingum University is committed to providing a healthy and safe environment in which our students can live and learn and in which our faculty, administrators, and staff can work. Muskingum is committed to following the guidance from federal, state, and local health agencies and experts to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

101. Use of Face Coverings

All students shall wear face coverings in all shared spaces on campus, both inside and outside, except as follows:

- when walking alone outdoors; however, students must have a face covering ready in case they come in close proximity with others.
- when alone in their residential facility room. Roommates should discuss their expectations for wearing face coverings as part of their roommate agreement;
- when in the shower or when brushing teeth;
- when seated to eat in a location providing a minimum of 6 ft social distancing ;
- in certain performance classes or science labs, as directed by the instructor;

The use of neck gaiters has proven to be ineffective and unsafe in preventing the spread of COVID-19. Therefore, neck gaiters may be used as an outdoor face covering, but a face covering identified by the CDC as appropriate must be worn in all indoor spaces.

Student Athletes will follow all protocols and face covering requirements established by the University Athletic Department.

102. Provision of and Care for Face Coverings

Students are required to provide their own face coverings and to launder them regularly. We recommend at least four cloth face coverings. Face coverings with inappropriate logos or wording are not acceptable.

The University will provide a limited number of disposable face coverings, which will be available in one location in each building. If a student forgets their face covering on a certain day, they must visit one of the designated areas to obtain a disposable face covering.

103. Waivers

Students who have a specific condition which affects their ability to wear face coverings must request a waiver from the Disability Education Office regarding accommodations to meet their needs. Students must submit medical documentation with their request for accommodations. When an accommodation has been requested and approved, the DEO will notify the student's faculty and any other employee that the student requests to be notified (i.e. – job supervisor, coach, advisor, etc.).

104. Students Not Wearing Face Coverings

Any student who does not wear a face covering in a required setting will be asked to wear one. Any student who has not received a waiver and who does not comply will be barred from entering or removed from the location and will be referred to Student Affairs for a conduct review.

Reports of non-compliance may be made by any student, faculty, administrator, or staff by using the online reporting form.

105. Term of Policy and Modification

This policy is intended to be temporary to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Changes to this policy will be made based on current and updated guidance and will be communicated to the campus community promptly.