



Executive Directive – Face Coverings
Issued by Chancellor Howard Gillman
 September 16, 2020

In order to help mitigate possible exposure to and transmission of COVID-19 on property controlled by UCI and to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the UCI community, the following requirements apply.

This Executive Directive (“Directive”) supersedes my June 10, 2020 Directive and all prior campuswide guidance regarding face coverings to the extent such guidance is inconsistent with this Executive Directive.

This Directive:

- Applies to:
 - o All individuals on UCI controlled property; and
 - o UCI employees conducting work off-site when not at their living unit.
- May not apply in some UCI locations, such as the UCI Health System (including UCI Medical Center, Gottschalk Plaza, and other UCI Health clinics) and research laboratories, where stricter face covering or PPE requirements may apply and thereby supersede the requirements of this Directive.
- Is subject to change. Current directives and advisories are available at: <https://uci.edu/coronavirus/>

A. Directive:

1. All individuals on UCI controlled property must wear a cloth face covering when:
 - a. Not in their home/apartment/residence hall room (living unit) and they are not able to maintain at least six feet of physical distance from another person who is not a family/household member or does not reside in the same living unit;
 - b. Inside buildings, and not within their living unit, regardless of whether anyone is within six feet of physical distance (including but not limited to labs, classrooms, indoor recreation/exercise facilities, work and study cubicles, common areas, hallways, stairwells, and elevators), unless the individual is:
 - i. In an enclosed private space (such as the occupant’s private office with the door closed) in which the occupant has control over whether anyone can enter;
 - ii. Showering, washing their face, or brushing their teeth in a residence or other UCI facility with common bathroom facilities (though the individual should maintain at least six feet of physical distance while doing so); or
 - iii. Eating in a UCI dining facility (though the individual should maintain at least six feet of physical distance while doing so.)
 - c. Outside in public spaces and not able to maintain at least six feet of physical distance from another person who is not a family/household member or does not reside in the same living unit; and
 - d. In UCI vehicles. For further information, see:
 - i. [EH&S guidance](#); and
 - ii. [Anteater Express guidance](#).
2. Face coverings must comply with relevant policies applicable to the wearer, including but not limited to student code of conduct and employee policies.
 - a. A cloth face covering is a material that covers the nose and mouth; it can be secured to the head with ties or straps or simply wrapped around the lower face; it can be made of a variety of materials, such as cotton, silk, or linen; and a face covering may be factory-made or sewn by hand, or can be improvised from household items such as scarfs, T-shirts, sweatshirts, or towels.



3. The requirement to wear a cloth face covering in this directive SHALL NOT APPLY to:
- Children under the age of two;
 - Anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance;
 - Persons with a medical or mental health condition, or developmental disability, that prevents wearing a cloth face covering*; or
 - Anyone actively engaged in strenuous physical outdoor activity, or actively engaged in indoor approved Intercollegiate Athletic activities (while physically practicing or playing), where wearing the cloth face covering could inhibit their ability to breathe, provided they observe other appropriate mitigation measures.

* UCI offices must consider requests for reasonable accommodations related to COVID-19 mitigation measures. Technical assistance may be sought from: the Disability Services Center (students) at 949-824-7974 or dsc@uci.edu; Human Resources (employees) via the Employee Experience Center (EEC) at 949-824-0500 or eec@uci.edu; or ada@uci.edu (members of the public).

References/Resources

- Face coverings are available to all faculty, staff, and students through Environmental Health and Safety. Please send an email to safety@uci.edu and indicate your name, UCI affiliation (faculty, staff, or student), and the number of face coverings requested. Face coverings can be picked up at EH&S, located in building 41 on the [campus map](#).
 - More information can be found at: <https://ehs.uci.edu/>

Support for directive at the time it was issued includes, but is not limited to:

- [California State Guidance for Institutions of Higher Education](#)
- [California Department of Public Health: Guidance on Use of Face Coverings](#)
- [University of California Consensus Standards for Operation of Campus and ANR Locations in Light of the SARS-CoV-2 Pandemic dated May 22, 2020;](#)
- [Orange County Public Health Order dated May 28, 2020](#), including the reasons for the public health order stated therein;
- Guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), including “[How to Protect Yourself & Others](#)”;
- [American College Health Association’s Considerations for Reopening Institutions of Higher Education in the COVID-19 Era;](#)
- [Reducing transmission of SARS-CoV-2: K. A. Prather et al., Science 10.1126/science.abc6197 \(2020\)](#)

Authority to issue this directive:

- [Regents Standing Order 100.6](#)

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