Information About How to Request Face Covering Exemptions

UCI’s [Face Covering Executive Directive](https://uci.edu/health/covid19/) requires all individuals on campus to wear face coverings during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Executive Directive recognizes that some people cannot wear face coverings due to disability related reasons. For example, according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), [people should not wear face coverings if they have trouble breathing or are unable to remove a face covering without assistance](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/coverings/medical.html). Also, tight fitting face coverings may aggravate severe claustrophobia and anxiety. The California Department of Public Health published [guidance on who can have an exemption from a face covering requirement](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/epidemiology/COVID19Exemptions/pages/face-covering-requirement-exemptions-ca.aspx).

UCI is committed to exploring ways for everyone to have the greatest amount of access to the University while minimizing risk of COVID-19 infection. Anyone needing to request an exemption from wearing a face covering should contact the offices listed below.

**UCI Students**
Department to Contact: UCI Disability Services Center (DSC)  
How to Contact DSC: 949-824-7974 or [dsc@uci.edu](mailto:dsc@uci.edu).  
How to Request a Reasonable Accommodation: Students wanting to request reasonable accommodations must register with DSC at the [DSC Student Registration Page](https://dsc.uci.edu/).

**UCI Employees**
Department to Contact: UCI Human Resources (HR)  
How to Contact HR: [eec@uci.edu](mailto:eec@uci.edu)  
How to Request a Reasonable Accommodation: For face covering exemptions, fill out the [Temporary Accommodation or Workplace Adjustment Request Form](https://hr.uci.edu/). More information is available at [Information for COVID-19 Related Request for Temporary Accommodations or Workplace Adjustment](https://hr.uci.edu/).  

**Members of the Public**
Contact: [ada@uci.edu](mailto:ada@uci.edu)