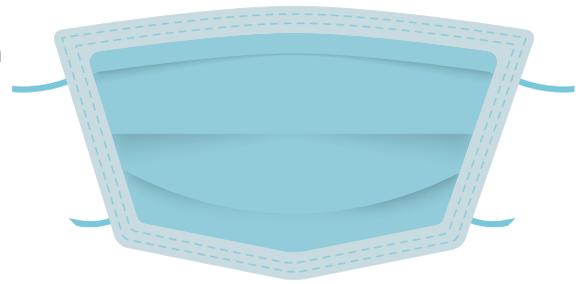


# FACE COVERINGS AND MASKING

## APPROPRIATE USE OF FACE MASKS OR COVERINGS IS

**CRITICAL IN MINIMIZING RISKS TO OTHERS.** People can spread COVID-19 to others even if they are asymptomatic (i.e. they do not feel sick). Face masks or cloth face coverings are not a substitute for social distancing and/or hand washing.



EIU will provide all students taking classes on campus with one washable, reusable cloth face mask. However, all EIU students are strongly encouraged to bring a large enough supply of washable, reusable cloth face masks with them to campus this fall to ensure they can maintain a clean and laundered supply for daily use.

It is the policy of the University to require its employees (faculty, staff, and administrators), students, volunteers and guests to wear face masks while on campus, both indoors and outdoors, including all buildings, grounds, parking lots, and EIU vehicles. This includes everyone on campus as they travel to, from, and between all classes and/or university buildings. Proper wearing of a face mask includes covering the nose and mouth areas. This policy includes, but is not limited to, attending academic spaces (including areas such as classrooms, laboratories & studios), walking to restrooms, walking around others, traveling from one building to another or a parking lot, walking the campus grounds, etc.

**Face coverings are required to be worn by all students, staff, faculty, and visitors when on the university campus, its parking lots and inside all of its buildings.**

### **Exceptions exist for:**

- when students are in their individual residence hall rooms, or when students can maintain six-foot distancing in student suites or university-operated apartments.
- in a person's assigned, individual office (when no others are present).
- when individuals in a joint office may maintain at least a six-foot distance between colleagues or have a wall divider five feet tall or higher separating their desks.
- while using a recreational machine in the EIU Student Recreation Center.
- jogging on the Tom Woodall Panther Trail.
- student-athletes during practices on their playing fields, pool or court.

### **DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

Students unwilling to adhere to EIU's masking policy will not be granted access to shared academic spaces, such as classrooms, labs, studios, or other buildings or offices on campus. Students who repeatedly violate the EIU masking policy will be sent to the Office of Student Accountability and face disciplinary action. Employees unwilling to adhere to EIU's masking policy will also will be subject to disciplinary action.