

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
Chancellor's Spring 2021 Mandate
Face Covering/Mask Use

The use of face coverings is recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), local health departments and healthcare professionals, who believe that wearing face coverings helps prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

A state-wide face coverings mandate remains in place and continues to be important even as vaccination efforts increase, due to the continuing threat of widespread virus and new variants. By the authority vested in the Chancellor by the Laws of the State of Wisconsin, including, Wis. Stat. sec. 36, and Wis. Admin. Code secs. UWS 17-18¹, the following is hereby ordered:

1. Face Coverings.

- a. Definition.** Face covering means a piece of cloth or other material that is worn to cover the nose and mouth completely. A face covering must be secured to the head with ties, ear loops, or elastic bands that go behind the head and must fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face. Cloth face coverings must be made with two or more layers of breathable fabric that is tightly woven (i.e., fabrics that do not let light pass through when held up to a light source). A face covering does not include bandanas, single layer neck gaiters, face shields, goggles, scarves, ski masks, balaclavas, shirt or sweater collars pulled up over the mouth and nose, or masks with slits, exhalation valves, or punctures because public health experts have determined that these types of coverings are ineffective at preventing respiratory droplets from entering the air.
- b. Face Covering Required.** Every individual on campus shall wear a face covering in all indoor public spaces except students in their assigned residence hall rooms and employees when alone in a private, unshared office or lab; and outside when not able to physically distance.

2. Severability. If any provision of this order or its application to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, then the remainder of the order, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this order are severable.

3. Duration. This Order shall remain in effect until July 1, 2021 at 12:01 a.m.



James C. Schmidt
Chancellor

¹ In addition to the generalize authority cited above, this order is being issued pursuant to the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Wisconsin and applicable policies in the University of Wisconsin System, including, but not limited to the following: Wis. Stat. s. 36.11(1)a., Wis. Admin. Code ss. UWS 17.09(1), UWS 17.09(8), UWS 17.09 (14), UWS 17.09 (15), UWS 18.08(9)(b), UWS 18.11(7)(e), Regent Policy 23-2, and Regent Resolution 11467.