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- Who Needs to Quarantine or Self-Isolate (8/12/2020) +
- Do I need to wear a face covering on campus? (08/10/2020) -

Yes.

Face coverings are a key tool to keep individuals and communities safe in this pandemic. They are required to be worn indoors and outdoors on University of Maine System campuses with certain exceptions as described below.

Face coverings are to be the type commonly recommended by public health officials. These are generally made of multiple layers of cloth, which cover the nose, mouth and chin and are secured either with ear loops or with ties behind the head.

The University asks everyone to aim for not mere technical compliance with the face covering requirement but rather to meet the spirit and intention of the face covering requirement when wearing your own face covering.

University of Maine System students and employees should also refer to the related guidance in the "For Students" or "For Employees" sections of this Together for Maine web site.

Current exceptions to the University's face covering requirement include:

1. When a person is alone in an office or other room with a closed door;
2. When a person is alone outside in a space where and when they can reasonably expect to be alone and they have a face covering available in the event it is needed;
3. When eating or drinking in a space where eating or drinking is permitted;
4. When a medical accommodation has been granted by appropriate University officials;
5. When a situation (i.e. childcare settings) or a person (i.e. children younger than 2) are specifically exempted by Maine civil authorities; or,
6. In other special circumstances as may be determined by campus leadership.

Additionally, individuals are encouraged to wear a cloth face covering in public settings in Maine in general to comply with the various orders of civil authorities and to follow the recommendations of public health experts. When circumstances are unknown or uncertain, having a cloth face covering available in case needed will allow individuals best to meet these directives and recommendations. For more information about the directives of civil authorities, please see [this state web site](#).

To request a medical and other accommodations as required by law, contact adacoordinator@maine.edu.

(Last reviewed/updated: 08/10/2020)

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