



Coronavirus (COVID-19) Prevention

CSUSM @ Temecula - Face-Covering Guidance

Public Health Order

On Saturday, April 4, Riverside County health officials issued an [order](#) requiring that all persons wear fabric face coverings (without holes) to cover their nose and mouth in public places (indoor and outdoor) to help prevent Coronavirus (COVID-19) transmission. This guidance complements [recommendations](#) issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). All persons in the county are expected to wear cloth face coverings when they leave home to conduct essential tasks. At this time, CSUSM employees who report to and work on the Temecula campus are subject to this guidance and therefore must wear cloth face coverings while on site in both indoor and outdoor locations.

Purpose

The primary role of face coverings is to reduce the release of droplets into the air when someone speaks, coughs or sneezes, especially from someone who has COVID-19 but feels well. Please note that “face coverings are not a replacement for other evidence-based measures such as physical distancing, frequent hand washing practices, and remaining home when not doing essential activities.” (CDPH guidance)

Cloth face coverings are NOT personal protective equipment and should NOT be procedural/surgical masks or N-95 respirators as these critical supplies should be reserved for healthcare providers. Acceptable examples of cloth face coverings include those created from bandanas, scarves, fabric masks and neck gaiters (also known as neck warmers).

Use

There are numerous resources available regarding cloth face coverings, including the SH&S bandana guidance handout, [CDC guidance on general use and DIY instructions](#), and the [U.S. Surgeon General's DIY tutorial video](#).

“When you leave your place, cover your face.” – SD County Public Health

For more information on cloth face coverings, please review the [Safety, Health and Sustainability website](#) or contact us at shs@csusm.edu.

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