

FACE COVERINGS SYLLABUS STATEMENT

Approved by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee

August 26, 2021

Required Use of Face Coverings for On-Campus Shared Learning Environments

As of August 25, 2021, in keeping with [the directed health measure \(DHM\) issued on August 24, 2021 by the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department](#), all University of Nebraska–Lincoln (UNL) faculty, staff, students, and visitors (including contractors, service providers, and others) are required to use a facial covering at all times when indoors except under specific conditions outlined in the COVID 19 face covering policy found at: <https://covid19.unl.edu/face-covering-policy>. This policy is in effect until further guidance from the Office of the Chancellor. This statement is meant to clarify classroom policies for face coverings.

One exception listed in the DHM is:

When giving a speech, lecture or broadcast to an audience so long as six (6) feet of distancing from other individuals is maintained and only while said speech, lecture or broadcast is being delivered.

In keeping with the educational mission of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and in light of this exception, instructors may, if they wish, remove their face coverings when lecturing, provided that they can maintain six feet of distance between themselves and their students at all times.

The classroom is a community, and as a community, we seek to maintain the health and safety of all members. Failure to comply with the campus Face Covering Policy is interpreted as a disruption of the classroom and may be a violation of UNL's Student Code of Conduct.

Individuals who have health or medical reasons for not wearing face coverings should work with the Office of [Services for Students with Disabilities](#) (for students) or the Office of [Faculty/Staff Disability Services](#) (for faculty and staff) to establish accommodations to address the health concern. Students who prefer not to wear a face covering should work with their advisor to arrange a fully online course schedule that does not require their presence on campus.

Students in the classroom:

1. If a student is not properly complying with the policy, the instructor will remind the student of the policy and ask them to comply with it.
2. If the student will not comply with the face covering policy, the instructor will ask the student to leave the classroom, and the student may only return when they are complying with the policy.
3. If the student refuses to comply with the policy or leave the classroom, the instructor will dismiss the class and will report the student to [Student Conduct & Community Standards](#) for misconduct, where the student will be subject to disciplinary action.

Instructors in the classroom:

1. If an instructor is not complying with the policy, students will remind the instructor of the policy and ask them to comply with it.
2. If an instructor will not comply with the policy, students may leave the classroom and should report the misconduct to the department chair or via UNL Report for disciplinary action through faculty governance processes.