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As part of the essential effort to slow the spread of COVID-19, Michigan State University is directing everyone to take personal responsibility to protect the health and safety of all MSU faculty, staff, students and visitors.

Face coverings are a crucial public health measure and help protect others by reducing exposure to droplets if someone is unknowingly infected with COVID-19.

Face coverings must be worn by everyone (including all faculty, staff, students, vendors, and visitors) indoors and outdoors while you are on property owned or governed by MSU and while participating in MSU-related or MSU-sponsored activities. If you have a medical condition that may prevent you from safely wearing a face covering, you should contact MSU's [Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities](#) to begin the accommodation process.

Exceptions to the requirement for face coverings will be limited. For example, if you are indoors, exceptions are limited to when:

- You are in your own place of residence and can therefore properly self-isolate;
- You are in a private, single-occupancy office or lab space with a closed door and can reasonably expect other individuals not to enter (but if you leave your private, single-occupancy office or lab space and proceed into a common area or hallway – even if there are no other individuals present – you must wear a face covering); or
- You are eating or drinking but still maintaining proper distance (at least six feet of physical separation between yourself and others).

Face coverings should (a) be non-medical grade to maintain supplies for health care use, (b) fit snugly against the side of your face, (c) cover your nose and mouth, (d) be secured with ties or ear loops, and (e) allow for breathing without restriction. Cloth face coverings should only be worn for one day at a time, and they must be properly hand washed or laundered before subsequent use. Face coverings may vary (for example, disposable non-medical masks or neck gaiters are acceptable).

In addition to wearing face coverings, you also must take the following personal precautions:

- Practice social distancing;
- Practice good personal hygiene, including washing hands frequently with soap and water or using hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap is unavailable; and
- Routinely clean and sanitize your workspace and shared equipment.

Please adhere to the guidelines and recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as well as federal and state governmental authorities, in order to protect your own health and the health of the entire MSU community.