

Face Mask Frequently Asked Questions

Where can I get a mask?

All BHSU faculty, staff and students will be given a BHSU mask at the beginning of the semester. Additional masks will be available for purchase at the BHSU Bookstore.

What if I forget or lose my mask?

If a temporary unexpected need emerges for a mask, contact Facilities Services at 6244 to request a mask. A limited supply is available for emergency needs.

What is the proper way to put on, wear and take off a mask?

The CDC recommends the following to properly put on a mask:

- Wash your hands before putting on your face mask
- Put it over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin
- Try to fit it snugly against the sides of your face
- Make sure you can breathe easily
- **Don't** put the face mask around your neck or up on your forehead
- **Don't** touch the face mask, and, if you do, wash your hands or use hand sanitizer to disinfect.

Properly removing your mask:

- Untie the strings behind your head or stretch the ear loops
- Handle only by the ear loops or ties
- Fold outside corners together
- Place mask in the washing machine (Learn more about [how to wash cloth face masks](#))
- Be careful not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth when removing and wash hands immediately after removing.

Do I need to have my mask on all the time when I'm at my desk?

Masks are not required when you are alone in your office or workspace. When someone enters your office or approaches you at your workplace, face masks should be worn.

What do I do if I see someone who is not wearing a mask?

The initial response is to inform the individual that masks are required as per the Level 3 of Face Mask protocol. Options for compliance include as providing resources to obtain a cloth face mask, vacating the area, scheduling a virtual meeting, or information regarding available virtual educational options. See details about levels and enforcement at www.BHSU.edu/MaskUp

What happens to those who refuse to wear a mask?

Maintaining a healthy and safe educational environment for students, faculty, staff and visitors on our campus is paramount. An individual found in non-compliance with the COVID-19 Face Mask Protocol will be informed of the requirement and if they fail to comply, the individual will be asked to leave. Students, faculty, staff and visitors who fail to comply may be subject to discipline or other adverse action in accordance with applicable [BOR](#) and/or Institutional policy.

Are masks required outdoors?

At Level 3, masks are NOT required outdoors. If you are in a group of people outdoors, you may still wish to wear your mask. Please practice social distancing as recommend by the CDC. For more details about the Face Mask Levels see www.BHSU.edu/MaskUp

Is Level 3 in affect immediately or when we begin classes in August?

At BHSU, the Level 3 Face Mask protocol begins Aug. 10th.

What is public space?

Public space is defined as any space that is shared by many and not considered “assigned” to any one individual. This would include classrooms, laboratories, hallways, restrooms, waiting areas of offices, conference rooms, dining facilities, lobbies and the like.

What is private space?

Private space is defined as any space that is assigned to an individual and where the individual will almost always be working alone. Offices or office cubicles would be the best example of this. Residence hall rooms would be another good example. When others are present in private space, face masks should be worn.

Are masks required in the Young Center?

While the workout/practice facilities at the Young Center are considered public, we will make an exception to the mask rule ONLY for workout/practice purposes. That is, please wear a mask into and out of the facility and while you are walking down a hallway. However, when you get on a machine or the track to work out, you may remove your mask.

What areas of the Young Center would be considered public use?

Currently, the Gym and Athletic Weight Room are reserved for student-athletes only. The Fitness Room, Field House and Lobby area are currently available for public use, but with limited numbers allowed with social distancing.

What if I have a disability or health related issue that makes it hard for me to wear a face mask?

Anyone with a disability should contact Jennifer Lucero, director of Disability Services, at 6099.