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Subject: Face Coverings on Campus

Dear UHD Community,

In light of recent recommendations from the CDC, the federal government and Harris County regarding wearing face coverings, **the University of Houston-Downtown is now requiring face masks for those staff working on-campus in situations where they are in close proximity (within 6 feet) of others effective today, April 27, 2020 and until further notice. This requirement is also directed to all who are visiting campus, including students, contractors and visitors (10 years of age or older).**

Please note that face coverings do not need to be worn in the following circumstances:

When working alone in a single office
When engaging in physical activity outside
When doing so poses a greater mental or physical health, safety or security risk
While operating outdoor equipment if not appropriate from a safety standpoint
When consuming food or drink

Individuals are asked to wear a cloth bandana or face covering that covers their nose and mouth. Cloth face coverings should be washed daily. The use of surgical masks, surgical N-95 respirators or other medical masks is strongly discouraged to maintain the resources for health care providers and first responders. **The cloth face cover is not a substitute for social distancing and regular handwashing.** Continue to keep a distance of at least six feet between yourself and others.

Certain employees on campus, such as UHDPD consistent with their role as first responders, will be provided appropriate face coverings.

CDC Guidance on Face Covering: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>

We appreciate your cooperation following this directive. Thank you.

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