



Addendum to EU Catalog Effective August 25, 2020

EVERGLADES UNIVERSITY FACE COVERINGS POLICY

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where social distancing measures are difficult to maintain. **As safety at our institution is our primary concern, everyone on campus is required to wear a face covering over the nose and mouth when indoors. This includes classrooms, public restrooms, open office and common spaces, hallways, meeting rooms, libraries, and other indoor spaces. Additionally, face coverings are required outdoors when six-foot physical distancing cannot be maintained.** Signage will be placed around the campus to remind students, faculty and staff that face coverings are required.

It is important to note that the use of a face covering does not prevent the wearer from getting sick or eliminate the need to continue the primary mitigation efforts, to stop the spread of COVID-19, but may prevent the spread of the virus from the wearer to others.

You may wear a homemade face covering if it is cleaned daily, or you may wear a purchased face covering. Face coverings may not have obscene or offensive writing or artwork on them.

According to CDC guidance, an effective face covering will meet the following criteria: fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face, be secured with ties or ear loops, include multiple layers of fabric, allow for breathing without restriction, and be able to be laundered and machine-dried without damage or change to shape. Please review the World Health Organization (WHO) flyer for the correct way to wear a face covering. If you arrive to the campus and do not have a face covering, you may be sent home, or one may be provided to you.

Please note the following exceptions:

1. Individuals whose health or safety is put at risk by wearing a mask or cloth face-covering. If this applies to you, please contact the Campus Vice President.
2. If you cannot wear a mask due to your religion under Title VII, or if you need a reasonable accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) please contact the Campus Vice President to obtain an accommodation.
3. Individuals alone in an office are permitted to remove their mask if they are seated at least six feet from the doorway. However, they must wear their mask or face covering at all other times.
4. Face coverings are not required in public spaces when eating or drinking, but individuals should seek to physically distance six feet and return the face covering, perform the necessary hand hygiene and replace the mask when they are done.

Individuals should also maintain other suggested health measures including maintaining six feet of physical distance even when wearing a mask, and frequently washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds.