Answers to Common Questions About Masks
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● It is mandatory that all students, staff, and anyone else entering the building wear a face mask.
  ○ COVID-19 spreads mainly from person to person through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, talks, or raises their voice (e.g., while shouting, chanting, or singing). These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.

● It is the expectation that at the end of the day each student and staff member will take the cloth face masks home for proper laundering. Each person must launder or rotate masks in order to have a clean mask each day. For this reason, it may be beneficial for individuals to purchase additional masks for convenience.

● Forgotten or soiled masks:
  ● The RN offices and administrative assistants have an extra supply of surgical facemasks in both child and adult sizes for as needed use.
  ● Limited quantities of extra masks, but the facemask should be removed and discarded if soiled, damaged, or hard to breathe through.

● How to properly wash:
  ● You can include your face covering with your regular laundry.
  ● Use regular laundry detergent and the warmest appropriate water setting for the cloth used to make the face covering.
  ● Dry on the highest appropriate heat setting for the material or air dry.

● Use cloth or surgical masks only. Valved masks, gaiters, and bandanas should not be used on campus.
  ○ Per CDC guidance, masks with valves and vents allow exhaled air to be expelled out through holes in the material. This can allow exhaled respiratory droplets to reach others and potentially spread the COVID-19 virus.
  ○ In addition, emerging data has shown that bandanas and gaiters may also act similarly to masks with valves.
  ○ CDC does not recommend use of face shields for normal everyday activities or as a substitute for cloth face coverings because of a lack of evidence of their effectiveness for source control. If you desire to wear a face shield, you must also wear a mask.