

Required Face Coverings for UVU Students and the Student Code

To: UVU Students, Faculty and Staff

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Students at Utah Valley University are members of a community committed to maintaining a healthy and safe campus. While enrolled at UVU, students must follow the Student Code of Conduct, UVU Policy 541, and other policies. The Student Code supports the intellectual, personal, social, and ethical development of all community members by promoting the values of civility, integrity, inclusion, respect, and responsibility. The Student Code also establishes the conduct expectations for students of UVU and outlines students' rights and due process procedures for addressing alleged student violations of university policies.

To ensure everyone's safe return for fall semester, we want to remind students of their responsibility to uphold the safety precautions outlined [here](#). Guidance from federal, state, and local health authorities indicates that wearing face coverings (e.g., masks, scarves, gaiters, bandanas, visors) significantly reduces the spread of the COVID-19 virus. **Therefore, students are required to wear face coverings inside university buildings, in common areas, including classrooms, while also maintaining a six-foot physical distance. Students must wear facial coverings outside when maintaining a six-foot distance is not possible outside. Face coverings must cover both the nose and the mouth.** Students who cannot feasibly wear a mask due to a disability, phobia, or other reasons should contact the [Office of Accessibility Services](#) — that office will determine appropriate accommodations as needed. Additionally, face coverings are not required for individuals eating or drinking and maintaining a physical distance of at least six feet from any other individual who is not from the same household or residence.

Students who disregard the requirement to wear face coverings may be in violation of the Student Code for endangering the health or safety of others (See [Student Code section 4.3.2.12.](#)) and may be referred to the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution. Faculty and staff are encouraged first to discuss concerns with the student involved; however, when appropriate, they may refer a student to the Office of Student Conduct at 801-863-8952 or marent@uvu.edu. University community members may also submit an online report via [a reporting link](#).

Our university is committed to providing balanced and fair systems of resolution, and we encourage an education-based, informal resolution process, which includes conversations to deepen understanding about community responsibility. Repeated violations of the Student Code may be subject to progressive sanctions, including written warning, probation, and suspension from the university. Please refer to the [Student Code](#) for more information on expectations of student conduct.