

Learning to Navigate in a COVID-19 World

Face Coverings in the Classroom: A Faculty Guide

Faculty Communication Expectations

Include “New Mexico State University COVID-19 Safety Commitment” in the course syllabus.

Ask each student to sign the safety commitment at the beginning of the course.

Review face covering and social distancing requirements for the classroom at the beginning of the first class.

Clearly state, on Day 1 of class, that anyone not able to comply with COVID-19 Classroom Safe Practices must switch to a 100% online section immediately.

Department heads must communicate with faculty about their rights, responsibilities and resources available to them regarding handling confrontation during a class.

Student Questions

Direct students to the Office of the Dean of Students (DOS@nmsu.edu) for questions about exceptions to the face covering requirement.

Student Non-compliance

Discreetly remind any student without a mask of the policies, and request they wear a mask.

If student refuses to wear a mask, ask the student to leave the class.

If non-compliant student refuses to leave, dismiss class. If student continues to escalate the situation, call NMSU Police for assistance.

What to do after an incident

If a non-compliant student refuses to leave the class, faculty/instructors should send a follow-up report to the Office of the Dean of Students after the class using the Campus Community Incident Response Form or go to the DOS website at (<https://deanofstudents.nmsu.edu/report-a-concern/>).

Issues with classroom space?

Contact NMSU Facilities and Services at askfs@nmsu.edu.