

Le Moyne College Face Coverings Policy and FAQs

The universal wearing of face coverings will reduce the spread of COVID-19. The purpose of wearing a face covering is to contain your coughs and sneezes, preventing you from spreading your germs to other people and nearby surfaces, which helps to protect other people. Face coverings can also help you avoid touching your nose or mouth accidentally. While a face covering does not filter the air you breathe, it can serve as a basic barrier against large droplets reaching your mouth or nose.

The CDC recommends wearing face coverings when people go out in public. Le Moyne College supports this recommendation for the health, safety and welfare of all persons on campus.

Face coverings must be worn by everyone (including all faculty, staff, students, vendors and visitors) indoors and outdoors, on campus and in College buildings.

Face coverings must be worn indoors when you are in any hallways, public spaces or common areas. The terms “public spaces” and “common areas” include classrooms, offices, public restrooms, elevators, stairwells and communal kitchen and workspaces. Exceptions to the requirement for universal face coverings inside are limited to time spent in a single-occupancy office with a closed door, while eating or drinking. Face coverings are also not required inside individual apartments and residence hall rooms when it is just you and your roommate, or if you are showering or brushing your teeth.

Face coverings are required outdoors if safe social distancing (six feet or more) and gathering practices are not possible. Learn more about the proper use and cleaning of face covering [from the CDC here](#).

Face Coverings FAQs

Why is Le Moyne College implementing this face covering protocol?

Current scientific and medical data indicate that face coverings, when used in conjunction with social distancing and good handwashing and respiratory hygiene, are an important tool in protecting against and limiting the spread of the coronavirus. Reduction of community spread is an important strategy in the battle against coronavirus.

Will Le Moyne College provide face coverings?

Yes. Le Moyne College will provide two reusable face covering to each student and employee upon their return to campus. These face coverings will be supplied to the student and employee at no cost. Everyone should plan on bringing their own additional supply of face coverings when they report to campus.

If I am in my residence hall room or in my on campus apartment, do I have to wear a face covering?

Face coverings are not required inside individual apartments and residence hall rooms when it is just you and your roommate, but must be worn in all shared spaces. Shared within on campus residences refer to the common lounge, hallways, restrooms, stairwells, laundry room, kitchenettes, computer labs, or vending machine areas. You do not need to wear your face covering while showering, brushing your teeth, washing your face, eating, or drinking.

Are all visitors to campus required to wear a face covering?

Yes. All visitors, including but not limited to contractors, admissions visitors, visitors to various campus offices, and parents dropping off items to students in residence halls and apartments, are required to wear face coverings at all times while on campus.

What should I do if I see someone on campus who is not wearing a face covering?

Please do not confront anyone aggressively or do anything to put yourself or anyone else in a dangerous

situation. Le Moyne College expects all persons on campus to comply with the face covering policy, and the person you encounter may be a visitor or someone who is unfamiliar with the policy. Please be aware that some people have disabilities and medical conditions that make wearing a face covering dangerous or inadvisable, and some members of our campus community may have received specific accommodations regarding the face covering policy or letters specifically exempting them from the face covering policy.

If you see someone without a face covering, you may politely remind the individual of Le Moyne College's face covering policy, and remind them that Le Moyne College is committed to protecting all members of our campus community by reducing the spread of the coronavirus.

Are all employees (faculty, administrators and staff) required to wear a face covering while on campus?

Yes. All employees are required to wear face coverings in their work spaces unless they are alone inside a private office. All employees are required to wear face coverings in all public areas, including but not limited to hallways, stairwells, elevators, public restrooms, office kitchen/copier areas, in other persons' offices or other amenity spaces in building or work areas. Face coverings may be removed outdoors if safe social distancing practices can be maintained. Learn about safe social distancing practices [from the CDC here](#).

What if I show up for class but forget my face covering?

You are required to wear a face covering if you enter any campus building or public space. If you come to class without a face covering, you will not be permitted in the classroom.

What if I have a medical condition and I am unable to wear a face covering?

If you are a student, please contact Roger Purdy (purdyrg@lemoyne.edu) in the Office of Disability Support Services, (315) 445-4118. If you are an employee (faculty, administrator, staff), please contact the Office of Human Resources (lemoynehr@lemoyne.edu), (315) 445-4155.

Can I remove my face covering in class to eat or drink?

No. Eating and drinking in class is prohibited. Certain medical conditions may require an individual to have something to eat or drink at specific times, including during a class period. For medical accommodations, please contact Roger Purdy (purdyrg@lemoyne.edu) in the Office of Disability Support Services, (315) 445-4118.

Do I have to wear a face covering in the LaCasse Dining Center or Dolphin Den?

Face coverings are required in all on-campus food service locations unless you are seated and eating.

What if someone in my class or in my office is refusing to wear a face covering?

All persons on campus, including visitors, are expected to comply with the policy unless they have an approved accommodation or have an authorized exemption letter from Human Resources or the Office of Disability Services. Employees who fail to comply with the policy may be referred to their immediate supervisor. Students who fail to comply with the policy may be referred to the assistant dean of students.

Do I have to wear a face covering while outdoors?

Face coverings must be worn while outdoors if proper social distancing cannot be maintained. Learn about safe social distancing practices [from the CDC here](#).

Can I wear a face shield instead of a face covering?

It is not known if face shields provide any benefit as source control to protect others from the spray of respiratory particles. CDC does not recommend use of face shields for normal everyday activities or as a

substitute for masks. Following [CDC guidance](#), face shields will not be acceptable as a substitute for face coverings and may be used only in addition to a face covering.

Can my face covering have an exhalation/release valve?

No, valved masks do not protect others because they release exhaled breath which could contain virus.

Can my face covering be a gaiter style neck fleece?

No, gaiter type neck fleeces are not permitted on campus. [A recent study testing different face coverings](#) observed that gaiter/neck fleeces release as many or more respiratory droplets than no face covering at all.

What are approved face coverings?

Surgical masks and cloth face coverings (both homemade and store-bought) are permitted for on-campus use. Cloth masks can be pleated (3) or Olson style (2). We recommend cloth masks that have multiple layers (2-3), adjustable ear loops for comfort, and an internal device that allows pinching around the bridge of the nose. It is also helpful if the inside of the mask can readily be distinguished from the outside of the mask so that the exposed area is not placed directly against the face. To be effective, face coverings should be tight to the face with limited regions where air could pass through. N95, and KN95 masks are permitted but please remember that these should be preserved for health care workers.

Face coverings with an exhalation/release valve (4), gaiter style neck fleeces (5) or bandanas (6) should not be worn on campus because a recent [study](#) suggests that they do not effectively prevent droplet release and may contribute to virus transmission.



Adapted from Fischer EP, et al, Science Advances 2020

How should I care for my face coverings?

Face coverings should be worn for one day before washing. In the event that washing is not possible, a face covering should be allowed to sit for 48-72 hours before wearing again. Check the label for specific cleaning instructions but washing in hot, soapy water and hanging to dry should suffice.

How many face coverings should I have with me at all times?

Occasionally, face coverings will become damaged, lost, or uncomfortable due to dampness. Therefore, all individuals should have at least two face coverings with them at all times.

How do I properly wear a face covering?

Face coverings must cover both the nose and the mouth to be effective. Hands should be washed before putting on or removing a face covering. Place loops over the ears. If the mask is pleated, adjust it so that it comfortably covers the face. Pinch the bridge nose (if applicable) so that it is tight. Perform a breath test by blowing hard out of your nose to identify any areas where exhaled air might be escaping. Adjust the covering to limit exhaled air release. To remove, carefully slip ear loops off of ears without touching the front of the face covering. Set the face covering on a surface, face up, in an area where it won't be disturbed. Wash hands or use hand sanitizer.