SMC FACIAL COVERING POLICY

For the health and safety of all members of our Saint Mary's community, students, faculty, staff, contractors, vendors and approved visitors must wear a facial covering over their mouth and nose when they arrive on campus or leave their on-campus residence.

All SMC community members must wear a face covering that covers their mouth and nose. Facial coverings must also be worn when SMC community members are participating in other academic responsibilities off campus (clinical sites, service sites, or other academic endeavors). Facial coverings should be worn at all times on campus, except when actively eating or drinking or when an individual is in their residence hall room or private residence.

RECOMMENDED FACIAL COVERINGS

Per the Center for Disease Control, some types of facial coverings work better than others to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

Consider using facial coverings that are:

- Tightly Woven Fabric
- Inner Filter Pockets
- Two or Three Layers
- Non-medical Disposable

Best Practices Include:

- Double Masking
- Storing Your Cloth Mask Properly
- Washing it Regularly to Keep Clean
- Have More than One Mask on Hand
- Remove Your Mask Correctly

NOT RECOMMENDED

Facial Coverings that are not as effective in preventing the spread of COVID-19 should not be worn.

- Masks with one layer.
- Masks made from loosely woven fabric or that are knitted.
- Masks made from materials that are hard to breathe through.
- Gaiter, Balaclava or Scarf used as a mask.
- Face Shields

NOT PERMITTED

Any mask that incorporates a one-way valve.

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