

West Valley-Mission Community College District COVID-19 Guidelines

FACE COVERINGS

APPENDIX C

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The West Valley-Mission Community College District requires all individuals, while at District owned, operated, or controlled facilities, to comply with all applicable public health orders. This includes the use of face coverings when required by the California Department of Public Health, Santa Clara County Public Health Department, Cal/OSHA regulations, or the District's COVID-19 Prevention Plan.

Face coverings are not intended to be a replacement for other illness prevention measures including staying home when sick, frequent hand washing, and avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth when possible.

On March 1, 2022, the Santa Clara County Public Health Department announced that indoor masking will no longer be required beginning March 2, 2022. In addition, universal masking will be lifted for school and childcare settings after March 11, 2022. However, the Santa Clara County Public Health Department and the California Department of Public Health strongly recommend that the public continue to wear masks in all indoor spaces.

The California Department of Public Health continues to require masking in higher-risk settings such as public transit, healthcare facilities, shelters, jails, and long-term care facilities. For information on the State's requirements, visit:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx>

District Guidelines (summary)

"Face Covering" means either a surgical mask, a respirator including KF94, KN95 or N95 masks, or a tightly woven fabric or non-woven material of at least three layers. A face covering has no holes or openings and must cover the mouth and nose. N95, KN95, and KF94 masks are encouraged. A close-fitting cloth mask may also be worn on top of a surgical/disposable mask to improve the seal of the mask to the face. A face covering does not include a scarf, ski mask, balaclava, bandana, turtleneck, or collar.

For additional information on "getting the most out of masking":

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Get-the-Most-out-of-Masking.aspx>

1. All individuals, regardless of vaccination status, are strongly encouraged to wear a face covering while on campus and inside a building.
2. Face coverings may be worn on campus, both indoors or outdoors and regardless of vaccination status, without fear of retaliation.
3. Individuals are expected to come to campus with their own face covering.
4. Face coverings shall not display any offensive words, slogans, or pictures.
5. National supply shortages notwithstanding, the District will make surgical masks and N-95 respirators available to all employees, and at no cost to the employee.
6. Employees involved in high contact/high risk positions (custodial staff, health services, public safety, etc.) will be provided with additional personal protective equipment as may be required.
7. Employees choosing to wear a district provided N-95 respirator must complete the mandatory six-minute N-95 training video available in the district's Safe Colleges Training Portal before doing so. <https://wvm-keenon.safecolleges.com/>

Distribution

1. Supervisors and Managers should ensure that district provided face coverings are made available to all employees.
2. Supervisors and Managers - To request face coverings for your office/department:
 - West Valley College – <https://www.westvalley.edu/covid-19/ppe-request.html>
 - Mission College – <https://forms.office.com/r/YqTs6xEMYU>
 - District – E-mail requests to christina.booth@wvm.edu