

CWSL Mask Guidance

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Dear CWSL community:

We are eagerly anticipating a return to campus. We are taking precautions to ensure that once we do return, we are able to continue to remain on campus. To that end, CWSL requires that anyone on campus wear a mask that fully covers their nose and mouth (see below for additional masking requirements). The virus that causes COVID-19 predominantly spreads person-to-person via respiratory droplets that travel through the air when you breathe, talk, shout, sneeze, cough, and/or sing. Masks are an easy and effective barrier to reduce the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19. This document provides guidance as to what types of masks are acceptable on the CWSL campus as part of the mitigation efforts to reduce the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19.

If you do not wear an acceptable mask, CWSL has a supply of acceptable masks that can be provided, with the expectation that you obtain an acceptable mask as soon as possible.

Acceptable Masks

- N95 masks
- KN95 masks
- Surgical masks
- Tight fitting double layered cloth masks
- Masks with FDA approved use, including but not limited to, medical grade clear masks (e.g., <https://www.theclearmask.com/education>)

Unacceptable Masks

- Single layer cloth masks
- Loose-fitting masks
- Masks with valves or filters
- Masks with holes

Face shields and other face coverings

- Clear face shields can be worn over an acceptable mask, but not in lieu of an acceptable mask
- Other face coverings that are not face masks are not considered acceptable masks.

Additional information can be found at:

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-guidance.html>
- <https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/coronavirus-covid-19-and-medical-devices/face-masks-including-surgical-masks-and-respirators-covid-19>

CWSL reserves the right to update this guidance. Thank you for your adherence to these guidelines and we look forward to a healthy return to in person operations.