Please use a Mask to Cover Your Mouth and Nose While in Public on Campus

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Friday, April 17, 2020

To: Campus Community

Fr: Garry Mac Pherson, Vice Chancellor, Administrative Services

Re: Guidance for the Use of Cloth Face Coverings on Campus

Dear Colleagues:

We are writing to strongly encourage the use of face coverings for all UC Santa Barbara personnel who must come to campus to perform essential services in accordance with the recommendations issued by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the California Department of Public Health, and our own Santa Barbara County Public Health officials.

The new guidance recommends cloth coverings such as bandannas, scarves, or even simple homemade cloth versions as coverings for when you are out in public.

For UC Santa Barbara personnel who are performing essential services on campus and who are unable to provide their own, the campus has purchased and will be distributing cloth face coverings as supplies allow. Because of the demand across the country, the campus supply is limited. We expect our first order to arrive today with additional supplies scheduled for delivery in the coming weeks.

Please let your business officer or supervisor know as soon as possible if you are unable to provide your own face covering and we will arrange to provide a face cover for you as our supplies allow. Business officers and supervisors should contact EH&S Director David McHale (805-698-3078) or david.mchale@ucsb.edu with a list of individuals who need to be on campus and have requested coverings. EH&S will arrange for distribution as supplies become available.

As Chancellor Yang highlighted in a previous memo, our campus health experts also are recommending face coverings for people whenever going out in public. Face coverings can keep people who have the virus but are asymptomatic from spreading it to others. Evidence shows that covering the mouth and nose can be effective in reducing the release of airborne respiratory droplets that can infect others. More information about how COVID-19 spreads can be found on the CDC website at: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-covid-spreads.html.

Face coverings for sale are still in short supply, but the CDC has provided instructions on how you can make your own. It is recommended to wash cloth face coverings regularly, handle your face covering with clean hands, and wash your hands immediately after removing it.

As always, we will post the latest updates, links to information, and the campus’s response to COVID-19 on the University’s COVID-19 page.

"Stay in place, maintain your space, and cover your face"

cc: Henry Yang, Chancellor

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