

USE OF FACE MASKS WHILE ON THE HCC CAMPUS

Students, employees and visitors are required to wear a face mask at all times while on campus. That includes inside in hallways, restrooms, lobbies and common spaces, as well as outside on walkways and plazas adjacent college buildings and any other area where others are present. Masks may be removed while alone in private offices or while eating lunch inside or outside while maintaining appropriate social distancing.

Masks must comply with the standards listed below. Those who do not have a suitable mask will be provided one by greeters at campus entry points. Alternatively, masks are available via Campus Police.

Any employee requiring an accommodation regarding the use of PPE or with other safety protocols should contact Clara Elliott in the Office of Human Resources at celliotthcc.edu or 413.552.2219. Students in need of accommodations may contact the Office for Students with Disabilities & Deaf Services (OSDDS) at osd@hcc.edu or 413.552.2417.

Standards for a compliant face mask covering while on HCC property:

Cloth Mask (reusable)

- The mask must be tight fitting to the face, covering the entirety of the nose and mouth
- Must be able to remain on the face without the use of hands or frequent adjustment
- Face covering should not restrict breathing, but be sturdy enough to restrict moisture from the nose and mouth.
- A minimum of two ply, preferably cotton or cotton blend fabric material, similar to a bedsheet or T-shirt
- Be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape.
- No exhalation valves

Single Use

- Typically constructed out of a paper-cloth material. Not intended for reuse (i.e. surgical mask or non-filtering dust mask)
- Paper shields are acceptable
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