

Chadron State College Face Covering Policy

There have been three consistent messages from federal, state, and local health authorities regarding best measures to keep yourself safe.

1. Wear a face covering
2. Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds (or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer when washing your hands is not possible)
3. Socially distancing yourself from others at least six feet

Chadron State College's COVID-19 Implementation Team and the President's Cabinet have approved the following face covering policy for the College:

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) encourages the wearing of face-covering in public settings where other social distancing measures are challenging to maintain as it has been shown to help slow the spread (especially for individuals who are asymptomatic). CSC may provide students, faculty, and staff with face-covering upon request if supplies can be obtained. Any PPE designated as necessary for staff to complete their work in high-risk areas (i.e., cleaning high use areas, isolation/quarantine facilities, etc.) will be provided by CSC. CSC should provide appropriate donning and doffing instructions to faculty, students, and staff, and the following guidelines shall be followed:

- Campus facilities and open spaces: A face covering is required in all public spaces in campus buildings and in outdoor spaces where social distancing is not possible.
- Face-to-face courses: A face covering is required for all face-to-face courses.

When to wear a face covering

- All face-to-face interactions, both indoors and outdoors
- Face coverings will be worn in any public areas.
 - Examples: hallways, stairs, restrooms, King Library, building lobbies, classrooms, meetings with multiple people, in the Student Center, dining facilities, administrative buildings, kitchens, etc.
- Face coverings will be worn outdoors while in trafficked areas and seating areas in proximity to others (less than six feet apart)

When a face covering is not required

- Face coverings are not required in private spaces.
 - Examples: an office space at least six feet away from others, private offices, individually used study rooms, and residential rooms

- Face coverings are not required outdoors when physically distant from others (recommended to be at least 10 feet or more from others)
- Face coverings are not required in gyms or athletic facilities during training periods or practice, but only if participants are able to physically distance at least six feet and protective measures are in place.
- Face coverings are not required in public spaces while eating or drinking, but individuals should seek to physically distance themselves and to return to use of face coverings when not eating or drinking
- Face coverings are not required in residence hall restrooms, but individuals are asked to physically distance within the space.

The Chadron State College COVID-19 Implementation Team is continuing to work on the issues associated with face coverings and our policy may evolve with additional information or updated health and safety standards.

Additional Information

Q: Why face coverings?

Widespread use of face coverings among the CSC community, in conjunction with other protective measures, is designed to lessen the risk of community transmission of COVID-19. The CDC recommends the widespread use of face coverings due to the possibility of transmission by asymptomatic and pre-symptomatic carriers of COVID-19. The use of face coverings may help prevent a carrier from spreading the virus to others, and should be utilized in conjunction with other protective measures. Face coverings are not a replacement for social distancing and increased hygiene measures. Even if you are not concerned about community transmission, widespread use of face coverings may help to alleviate anxiety of others in the Chadron community.

Face coverings should cover the nose and mouth, and may include cloth face coverings or clear face shields. CSC has purchased two cloth face coverings for students and employees,. Here is additional information about [cleaning face coverings](#). The college also ordered additional personal protective equipment for employees whose work requires such items.

It is important to properly wear a face covering. The CDC recommends washing hands before putting on a face covering, ensuring that it fits properly, removing the face covering without touching the face, and washing hands after removal. The CDC's [detailed guide for proper use of face coverings](#) is available.