Learning to Navigate in a COVID-19 World

Face Coverings in the Classroom: A Faculty Guide

**Faculty Communication Expectations**

- Include COVID-19 Expectations and the Crimson Commitment” in the course syllabus.
- Ask each student to view and acknowledge the Crimson Commitment video by logging in to myNMSU.
- Review mask-wearing, vaccine, and testing requirements in class and direct students to now.nmsu.edu for more info.
- Clearly state that anyone not able to comply with COVID-19 Classroom Safe Practices must leave the class and talk to their academic advisor about online course options immediately.
- Department heads must communicate with faculty about their rights, responsibilities and resources available to them regarding handling confrontation during a class.

**Student Questions**

Direct students to the Office of the Dean of Students (DOS@nmsu.edu) for questions about exceptions to the face covering requirement.

**Student Non-compliance**

- Discreetly remind any student without a mask of the policies, and request they wear a mask.
- If student refuses to wear a mask, ask the student to leave the class.
- If non-compliant student refuses to leave, dismiss class. If student continues to escalate the situation, call NMSU Police for assistance.

**What to do after an incident**

If a non-compliant student refuses to leave the class, faculty/instructors should send a follow-up report to the Office of the Dean of Students after the class using the Campus Community Incident Response Form or go to the DOS website at (https://deanofstudents.nmsu.edu/report-a-concern/).

**Issues with classroom space?**

Contact NMSU Facilities and Services at askfs@nmsu.edu.