



DIRECTIVE ON SOCIAL DISTANCING, FACE COVERINGS AND STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES IN FACE-TO-FACE CLASSES DURING COVID-19 (Addendum to Syllabus)

Due to the current COVID-19 Pandemic, the following safety requirements are in place to minimize exposure to the FAMU-FSU Engineering community. These guidelines apply to all face-to-face classes held either inside the college buildings or outside. These guidelines are in place to guard the safety of students, faculty, and staff during the pandemic. Any student who does not comply will be in violation of FAMU's Student Code of Conduct or FSU's Student Conduct Code and may be reported to the university. The instructor may ask that a student leave class immediately when they do not comply with directives and their behavior is disrupting the learning process. If a student refuses to leave a class after being directed to do so by the instructor, the instructor may end class in order to deescalate the situation.

Social Distancing in the Classroom

When returning to campus for face-to-face classes, students are expected to adhere to social distancing guidelines. Students should maintain at least 6 ft between themselves and others. This can be thought of either as a 6-ft diameter or a 3-ft radius around each person that does not overlap with another person's 6-ft diameter or 3-ft radius. This applies to between-person or desk/work area/station space. For this reason, please do not rearrange the pre-set furniture pattern in classrooms or remove any labels marking off seating as unusable.

Face Coverings

Face coverings are required for all students and faculty while in class, no matter the size of the space. Following this recommendation can minimize the transmission of the virus, which is spread between people interacting in close proximity through speaking, coughing, or sneezing. The CDC recommends wearing a cloth face covering in public settings. For outdoor class settings where social distancing is not possible (i.e., enabling at least six feet space between individuals), face coverings must also be worn.

Instructors have the right to deny a student entry into the classroom if the student is not wearing a face covering. Face coverings must remain in place throughout the class. Any student who removes the mandatory face covering during class will be required to leave the classroom immediately.

Students who are unable to wear a face covering for a legitimate medical reason must indicate this to the FAMU Center for Disability Access and Resources (CeDAR) or FSU Office of Accessibility Services and an alternative schedule will be determined. Students may not remain in the class without a face covering due to a medical condition. During specified classes in which face coverings would prevent required elements, students may remove masks with instructor permission.

Face coverings are not a substitute for social distancing. Students shall observe current social distancing guidelines in all instructional spaces, both indoors and outdoors. Students should avoid congregating around instructional space entrances before and after class sessions. Students should exit the instructional space immediately after the end of class to help ensure

social distancing and to allow for those attending the next scheduled class session to enter. If directional traffic guidelines are in place for an instructional space, students must follow them.

These requirements are necessary because not everyone who is contagious exhibits symptoms of infection. Students who feel ill should follow university and health care provider guidelines for evaluating their health status, both to ensure the best health outcome for the student and also to limit transmission of COVID-19. However, even students who do not exhibit symptoms must abide by these face-covering and social-distancing rules at all times while on campus.

Additional Student Responsibilities:

- Students will be responsible for wiping down their desk, work area, lab bench, chair, arm rests, etc. before and after use with appropriate cleaning supplies provided.
- Students should wash their hands often with soap and water, scrubbing for at least 20 seconds, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Students who are experiencing COVID-19 related symptoms must not attend class in person and are encouraged to contact a health care provider.

Support Contact-Assessment and Contact-Tracing Efforts:

Students are encouraged to log in to their student account and verify/update their phone numbers, emergency contact information, and HOME address type. They should provide a physical address (not a P.O. Box) to reflect where they will be residing, sleeping, studying and otherwise living for the fall semester while taking classes.