

New Mexico Junior College Facial Covering Policy

New Mexico Junior College (“NMJC”) requires all members of the NMJC Community (students, faculty, staff, visitors, vendors and contractors) to wear a mask or multilayer cloth face covering¹ on the NMJC campus as provided below:

I. Requirements

- A. In public settings² on campus including, but not limited to, classrooms and other spaces used for teaching, and creative activity, Ben Alexander Student Center, library, hallways, elevators, stairwells, restrooms, break rooms, foyers, event rooms and lobbies; or
- B. Other areas where physical distancing of at least 6 feet is not maintained. Even when physical distancing of at least 6 feet can be maintained, face coverings are strongly recommended.

II. Exceptions

- A. When eating, drinking or exercising, which should still be conducted maintaining physical distance;
- B. In accordance with applicable law {e.g., an accommodation, including for medical reasons, under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)};
- C. For children under the age of 2 years old; or
- D. By an instructor/presenter in a classroom or event room when a physical distance of at least 6 feet can be maintained from the class members/audience.

With prior NMJC approval, units and departments may set other reasonable guidelines and policies that are particularly tailored to their specific workplace, healthcare, or learning environment (e.g., residence halls, recreation centers, athletics facilities, performance venues).

Although failure to comply with this facial covering policy may lead to disciplinary action, efforts will first be made to educate members of the NMJC Community of the need for facial coverings to control the spread of COVID-19. Warnings will be given before disciplinary action is taken.

¹For more information about face covering guidelines from the CDC, please see:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>

²Public Settings do not include, and therefore facial coverings are not required in, individual offices or office suites where social distancing of at least 6 feet can be maintained.