

GENERAL CAMPUS POLICIES

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Face Covering Policy

1. Introduction

According to the California Department of Public Health, wearing a face covering dramatically decreases individuals' chances of transmitting COVID-19 and becoming infected. We now know that people who are infected with the virus, but who are asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic, can still spread the disease. Wearing a face covering that covers the nose and mouth can help protect others and reduce the risk for COVID-19 exposure and infection.

In order to help ensure the health and safety of the campus community and the public, CSULB has issued a face covering policy for all students, staff, faculty, administrators, and guests of the campus. The policy includes vendors and contractors who are on campus amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

This requirement is in accordance with guidance from the California Department of Public Health, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, and the City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services.

Effective immediately, the face covering policy applies to all CSULB facilities and property.

2. Policy

Face coverings are required to be worn when:

- Inside of, or waiting in line, to enter any indoor public space (including classrooms, laboratories, conference rooms, and campus facilities)
- Engaged in work when interacting in-person with any member of the public or in any space visited by members of the public, regardless of

- whether anyone from the public is present at the time
- Walking through or using common areas, such as hallways, stairways, restrooms, and elevators
- Waiting for or riding in public transportation or ride-sharing services
- Outdoors in public spaces when keeping a six-foot distance from others is not possible
- Obtaining health care services.

3. Exemptions

Every person on campus will be required to wear a face mask as described above. While face coverings are necessary to reduce the spread of COVID-19, there may be specific instances when wearing a face covering may not be feasible. Anyone who believes they cannot wear a face mask as required by this policy must review the listed exemptions, and then seek approval to take advantage of the exemptions, as described below.

Face coverings are not required for:

- Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents them from wearing a face covering
- Persons who are hearing impaired, or communicating with a person who is hearing impaired, where the ability to see the mouth is essential
- Persons for whom wearing a face covering poses a potential health or safety risk as determined by local, state, or federal regulators
- Persons who are working in a private office or workspace that allows for a six-foot physical distance
- Persons in private rooms in on-campus housing, when not engaging with others
- Children under the age of two. Children between the ages of two and eight should wear a mask with adult supervision
- Persons engaged in outdoor work or recreation activities (such as swimming, walking, running, or bicycling) when able to maintain a six-foot distance from others
- Persons who are eating or drinking (a six-foot physical distance is required).

Students requesting an exemption for a medical or mental health reason should consult the Bob Murphy Access Center (BMAC). Staff requests for an exemption should be directed to the Office of Equity and Diversity. Faculty requests will be handled through Faculty Affairs. Individuals requesting an exemption may be asked to provide appropriate documentation to substantiate their request.

4. Face Covering Description

For the purposes of this policy, a face covering may be a cloth face covering or a disposable mask that meets the following criteria:

- Covers the nose and mouth

- Ties around the ears or the back of the head
- Is secured under the chin and fits snugly against the side of the face
- Can be made of a variety of materials, and may be factory-made or sewn by hand
- Cloth face coverings should be laundered frequently, preferably with hot water and dried on a hot cycle
- Should be replaced when it no longer covers the nose and mouth, has stretched out or damaged ties or straps, or has holes or tears in the fabric.

Masks with one-way bypass valves are not recommended as they do not provide the necessary protection. The valves allow for the escape of moisture droplets to the outside area.

N95 respirator masks are intended for healthcare workers and are strongly discouraged for use by the general public.

A supply of disposable face coverings will be available in various locations on campus for those who have forgotten one or are not able to purchase a face covering.

5. Face Shields

It is not known if face shields provide any benefit to protect others from the spray of respiratory particles. The CDC does not recommend the use of face shields for normal everyday activities or as a substitute for cloth face coverings. Some people may choose to wear a face shield when sustained close contact with other people is expected. If face shields are used without a mask (in the case an exemption from the face covering is granted), they should wrap around the side of the wearer's face and extend to below the chin. Disposable face shields should only be worn for a single use. Reusable face shields should be cleaned and disinfected after each use. **Plastic face shields for newborns and infants are NOT recommended.**

6. Student Compliance

Students are expected to follow face covering requirements at all times when on campus. Efforts will be made to educate, encourage, and persuade individuals to wear face coverings, whenever possible. Students who are not wearing face coverings and do not have an exemption may be asked to leave campus. The face covering requirement for students will be treated as an expectation of the Standards for Student Conduct. Lack of compliance with this policy may be referred to the Office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development.

Please note that it may be necessary to update the policy as new information regarding the best methods to contain the virus are received.

Identification

A person is required, upon request from a University official (charged with the orderly conduct of the campus), to present his/her current student body identification card or other positive identification (e.g., a driver's license)

when on the grounds of the campus or when involved in an official University function, or when identifying himself/herself as an official representative of the University or of a University-related organization.

Illegal Electronic File Sharing and Protection of Electronic & Other Copyrighted Material

It is the policy of the California State University, Long Beach (Refer to Copyright and Fair Use Policy: https://daf.csulb.edu/offices/univ_svcs/prs/policies/copyright.html#) to use any and all information technologies in a manner consistent with the federal laws governing copyright protection. These include, but are not limited to, the Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998, the Teach Act of 2002, and all subsequent amendments. Updated information about such laws can be found at www.copyright.gov/title17.

Use of any University resource such as computers (hardware or software), network connections, servers, routers, facsimile machines, copy machines, and other electronic equipment by any University constituent (faculty, student, staff, or general public) to circumvent legitimate copyright protections or illegally access, copy, or disseminate copyrighted material is unacceptable.

CSU Chancellor's Executive Order 999, as well as the campus policy on Acceptable Use of CSULB Electronic Communications Systems and Services, explicitly define the appropriate use of these resources and stress illegal file sharing and other copyright violations are a violation of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations.

Penalties for copyright infringement include civil and criminal penalties. In general, anyone found liable for civil copyright infringement may be ordered to pay either actual, statutory, and possibly additional financial damages (Title 17, U.S. Code, Sections 504, 505). Willful copyright infringement can also result in criminal penalties, including imprisonment.

For more information, see the website of the U.S. Copyright Office at www.copyright.gov, particularly the FAQs at www.copyright.gov/help/faq.

Transportation

1. Bicycles and Non-Motorized Coasting Devices on Campus

On the CSULB campus, bicycles and non-motorized coasting devices are allowed on specifically designated sidewalks and pathways, but prohibited inside University buildings. Responsible use of bicycles and other alternative transportation methods - including roller skates, rollerblades, scooters, skateboards, and other coasting devices (hereafter referred to collectively as "coasting devices") are a way of reducing reliance on motorized transportation and promoting healthy exercise. See map for CSULB designated sidewalks and pathways: <https://www.csulb.edu/parking-and-transportation-services/sustainable-transportation/campus-wheel-paths>.

Bicycles and non-motorized coasting devices must always yield to

pedestrians. Bicycle riders on public roads have the same rights and responsibilities as motorists and are subject to the same rules and regulations.

Persons may coast or ride on designated sidewalks and pathways, subject to the following restrictions:

- Users must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians on foot at all times
- Coasting devices may not be used in any manner that places pedestrians at risk
- The speed of coasting devices must not exceed five mph, and the users must remain in control of their coasting device at all times. Riding coasting devices down hills, including the hills at East Campus Drive and West Campus Drive, is prohibited. See map: <https://www.csulb.edu/parking-and-transportation-services/sustainable-transportation/campus-wheel-paths>
- Coasting devices are not vehicles, and their use is prohibited on roadways and in parking lots and parking structures
- The use of the devices for acrobatics, recreation, racing or other stunts is strictly prohibited. Riding on any architectural or landscape features other than sidewalks is prohibited. All wheels of coasting devices must be in contact with the ground while in use
- The use of coasting devices is prohibited within any building and outside of the designated pathways
- Persons using roller skates or rollerblades must remove them before entering all University buildings
- Bicycles and coasting devices left in a manner that blocks pedestrian traffic will be removed. Additionally, Section 4.8.5(1) of the Americans with Disabilities Act and Article 12, Section 1203 of the California Fire Code prohibit chaining or locking bicycles or coasting devices to handrails on stairs or handicap ramps. Bicycles or coasting devices found attached to handrails can be removed without notice by University Police. Further information and regulations, including applicable vehicle code and municipal code ordinances, may be obtained from University Police or Parking and Transportation Services.

2. Electric and Motorized Coasting Devices – Not permitted on CSULB Campus

Assembly Bill No. 604, California Vehicle Code (CVC), was amended on January 1, 2016 explicitly to allow the use of “electrically motorized boards” on public roads with the same regulations and restrictions as bicycles. Effectively, electrically motorized boards must adhere to the rules of the road as listed in the CVC, as well as any local ordinances or University regulations.

CSULB prioritizes the safety of the campus community. In accordance with

campus and state regulations, electric and motorized scooters may be used to travel to campus but must be left at established drop-off zones on the campus perimeter prior to passing through or entering campus. CSULB is a designated dismount zone as electric and motorized scooters are not allowed on the campus interior. Electronic and motorized scooters left unattended on campus will be considered abandoned and subject to impound. Persons violating campus policy may be cited under California Vehicle Code (CVC) 21235, 21225, and other applicable CVC regulations and as a violation of student conduct.

CSULB would like to highlight the importance of road safety while coming to campus and provide an overview of state laws regarding electric and motorized scooters. Definition of an electrically motorized board per CVC, section 313.5 is “any wheeled device that has a floorboard designed to be stood upon when riding that is not greater than 60 inches deep and 18 inches wide, is designed to transport only one person, and has an electric propulsion system averaging less than 1,000 watts, the maximum speed of which, when powered solely by a propulsion system on a paved level surface, is no more than 20 miles per hour. The device may be designed to also be powered by human propulsion.”

CVC 21235 mandates that individuals operating electric or motorized scooters in California:

- Have a valid driver’s license
- Ride on the road and remain off the sidewalks or improved pedestrian surfaces, except as may be necessary to enter or leave adjacent property
- May not park scooters on a sidewalk in a position that blocks pedestrian paths
- Must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians at all times
- May not operate a motorized scooter with any passengers in addition to the operator
- May not operate a motorized scooter carrying any package, bundle, or article that prevents the operator from keeping at least one hand upon the handlebars
- Must comply with all CVC laws and local regulations including being subject to the same provisions applicable to any other driver of a vehicle. These provisions include, but are not limited to, driving under the influence of alcoholic beverages or drugs.

Please ride carefully and with all due consideration for the safety and right of others on your way to and from campus. Be very aware of your surroundings as you may not be seen or heard by other vehicles. Drive cautiously and defensively.

Cautionary Note

The use of bicycles and coasting devices on campus carries with it responsibility and liability. Please ride carefully and with all due consideration for the rights of others. Accidental collisions may seriously injure pedestrians, bicyclists, or coasting device users. Bicyclist and coasting device users involved in accidents may be liable for victims' expenses and property damage.