

MSU Expectations on COVID-19 Public Health Precautions

The following expectations apply to university-controlled property. In the event that local, state, or federal orders or directives are different, the more restrictive of the expectations or orders/directives apply.

Inside Buildings: Cloth face coverings (masks) must be [properly](#) worn inside university buildings at all times. There are certain exceptions to this requirement:

- Private offices – Masks are not required if alone in a private office. However, if more than one person is in the office, everyone must wear their mask.
- Residence hall rooms – Masks are not required for students who are in their own residential room. However, everyone in the room must wear their mask if a guest, visitor, or anyone else who is not assigned to that room is present. A mask must be worn when leaving the room.
- Dining – Masks are not required while seated and actively eating, provided that social distancing is maintained. All conditions must be met, otherwise, masks must be worn. If consuming beverages only, then masks must be worn between drinking/sipping.
- There may be temporary exceptions to specific groups that are under the direct control of MSU employees. If you do not have explicit instructions from an MSU employee, then you do not have this exception.

Student Housing: These expectations apply to students residing in residence halls and on-campus apartments, as well as visitors (if applicable).

- [Properly](#) worn cloth face coverings (masks) are required in all buildings on campus, including the residence halls. When you are in your room with only your assigned roommate(s), masks may be removed. When visitors are present, masks must be worn by everyone in the space. When in any public spaces in the residence halls (lobbies, restrooms, hallways, etc.), masks are required. Masks may be removed in shared bathrooms when showering, shaving, or washing your face, provided social distancing is maintained.
- The maximum number of guests (individuals not assigned to the room/apartment) in a residence hall or apartment is limited to ½ the room or apartment occupancy. For example, a two-bed room/apartment may have one guest at a time or a four-bed room/apartment may have two guests at a time. When there is a guest present in a room/apartment, all occupants of the space are required to be wearing masks.
- Review the [Housing Resident Handbook](#) for more information.

Outside/Outdoors: Mask or social distance when outside at all times. Cloth face coverings (masks) must be [properly](#) worn outside on university property if 6 feet of social distancing cannot be maintained.

- There are no exceptions for family members, boyfriends/girlfriends, or roommates.
- Cloth face coverings (masks) must be [properly](#) worn inside university vehicles (e.g. campus buses, golf carts) when passengers are on board.
- There may be temporary exceptions to specific groups that are under the direct control of MSU employees. If you do not have explicit instructions from an MSU employee, then you do not have this exception.

The following expectations apply when not on university-controlled property. In the event that local, state, or federal orders or directives are different, the more restrictive of the expectations or orders/directives apply.

Off-Campus:

- Comply with the [Executive Orders of the Governor and the Directives of the Commissioner of Public Health](#).
- Do not host or attend social, non-commercial gatherings that have more than 10 people present.
- If attending a gathering of any size, [properly](#) wear your mask when indoors and [properly](#) wear your mask and/or social distance when outdoors.
- Cloth face coverings (masks) should be [properly](#) worn inside a car (or other forms of transportation) when riding with others who are not part of your household.

MSU Guidance on COVID-19 Public Health Precautions

The following information is provided for general reference.

What to do if:

You are feeling sick or have COVID-19 symptoms.

- Contact your healthcare provider or **MSU Counseling & Health Services at (606) 783-2055** to schedule a telehealth appointment. Your healthcare provider will provide additional instructions.
- Protect those around you – shelter in place, properly wear your mask, practice good hygiene, and social distance.

You test positive for COVID-19.

- Contact the MSU COVID Support Team at covid-19@moreheadstate.edu or (606) 783-4222 (*this phone number is monitored Monday-Friday, 8:00am – 4:30pm during MSU open periods*).
 - Providing the applicable information to the COVID Support Team is the primary means to receive a University excused absence due to COVID reasons.
 - Follow the additional instructions provided by the COVID Support Team and MSU.
- Notify your instructors if you will miss class.
- Follow the instructions and directives given to you by the health department.

You have been notified that you are a close contact of someone who tested positive for COVID-19.

- Contact the MSU COVID Support Team at covid-19@moreheadstate.edu or (606) 783-4222 (*this phone number is monitored Monday-Friday, 8:00am – 4:30pm during MSU open periods*).
 - Providing the applicable information to the COVID Support Team is the primary means to receive a University excused absence due to COVID reasons.
 - Follow the additional instructions provided by the COVID Support Team and MSU.
- If directed to quarantine by the health department, notify your instructors if you will miss class.
- Follow the instructions and directives given to you by the health department.

You believe that you may have been exposed to COVID-19 or have questions.

- Contact one of the following:
 - MSU COVID-19 Helpline at (606) 783-4222 or covid-19@moreheadstate.edu.
 - Your local health department.
 - Your primary care provider.
 - KY COVID-19 Hotline at (800) 722-5725.
- Monitor yourself for symptoms for up to 14 days after exposure.
- Get a COVID-19 test.

Proper wear of mask:

- Wash your hands before putting on your mask.
- Put it over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin.
- Try to fit it snugly against the sides of your face.
- Make sure you can breathe easily.

