Face Coverings Compliance Protocol  
Fall Semester 2021

The Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities (OSRR) has developed protocol to respond to violations of ECU Community Expectations put in place to help keep pirate nation as safe as possible during a pandemic.

As outlined in the Return of Pirate Nation website and the University Regulation on Face Coverings - Interim, currently, face coverings are required indoors everywhere on campus, including in the classroom and laboratory settings.

Below is information to assist you with responding to students who do not comply with the expectations as outlined in the Return of Pirate Nation website.

If a student comes to class without a face covering, we suggest you take the following steps:

1. Ask the student to put on a face covering.
   a. If the student complies then the issues is resolved.
   b. If a student does not have a face covering, provide them with one or refer them to the closest location on campus to obtain one. Students may get a free face mask at the Welcome Desk in both student centers, or a student can purchase a face covering at Dowdy Student Stores located in both student centers.

2. If the student refuses to comply with your face covering request, utilize your best judgement based on the situation and refer to the Disruptive Academic Behavior Policy outlined in the ECU Faculty Manual.
   a. If you ask the student to leave your classroom, explain that you will send a follow up communication to the student via email or virtually about the coursework covered in that day’s class. This will help deescalate the situation.

3. For students who do not comply, fill out a report with OSRR. Once a report is received, OSRR will respond to the behavior based on the nature of the report and the student’s prior conduct history. Minimum sanctioning guidelines for violations of the face covering policy can be found on OSSR website.
   a. How to Report: Reports can be made through the OSRR online reporting form. You will receive a copy of the report and a confirmation that the report was submitted.
   b. Why Report: The student may be demonstrating the same behavior in other classes or venues. OSRR can help reiterate the University’s expectations and consequences for violations.
   c. When to Report: Intervening after the first incident is essential to addressing the behavior immediately and more effectively.
   d. What to Report: The reporting form will walk you through a set of questions related to the incident.

If you need additional guidance, please contact the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities. For additional community expectations regarding the COVID-19 protocols, please refer students to the Return of Pirate Nation website. We are all in this together. Stay safe!

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