MEMORANDUM

TO: ECU Faculty

FROM: Grant Hayes, Ph.D.
Acting Provost & Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

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Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

DATE: August 12, 2020

SUBJECT: Face Covering Exemption Process

East Carolina University has created a new Face Covering Exemption process for the 2020-21 academic year. This process pertains to on-campus students that may have a medical or behavioral condition that prevents them from safely wearing a face covering. In such instances, students may seek alternative accommodations to wearing a face covering through ECU’s Disability Support Services (DSS) as provided by the ECU Regulation for Face Coverings.

An accommodation from DSS will only be granted through the interactive process and if the student provides the required documentation regarding their circumstances. Once the exemption is approved, the student will receive written confirmation of exemption on DSS letterhead, and it is the student’s responsibility to provide that documentation to faculty. The student will have a print version, as well as an electronic version, of the exemption letter.

In addition to a letter, within 1-2 business days of receiving the exemption from DSS, the student will be given a new ECU 1Card that includes the denotation “Face Covering Exempt” on the front of the card.

Additionally, the student is encouraged to contact faculty to discuss any potential impacts during the remainder of the academic block. This could include discussing other available health and safety measures following the receipt of a face covering exemption, such as providing a space with more social distancing in the classroom, supplementing online features to face-to-face instruction, etc.

This exemption is good for the entire 2020-21 academic year.

While we don’t anticipate a large number of exemption requests to be approved, we appreciate your patience and support of our students. Please contact ECU Disability Support Services with any questions at (252) 737-1016.