

Section: COVID-19 Mask Policy

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Throughout the pandemic, Pima Community College has been committed to protecting the health and safety of students and employees while delivering the highest level of educational services possible.

Based on the changing health conditions and in alignment with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Arizona Department of Health Services, the Pima County Health Department and recent actions by public universities in Arizona, effective Monday, August 16, 2021, we will require face masks to be worn in all Pima Community College buildings, facilities and indoor spaces.

Exceptions to this policy are:

- While alone in a private office/areas
- While eating or drinking in a large or open shared space
- When the safety of an individual might be in jeopardy
- Individuals who qualified for an accommodation after completing the request process

Mask Requirements:

- It should cover the nose, mouth, and chin of the wearer.
- It can be cloth masks, homemade or purchased, or disposable surgical masks.
- Masks are meant to protect the community from you; many cases of COVID-19 are spread by people who may not even realize they are sick (asymptomatic).
- Masks are not a substitute for physical distancing, which should remain the primary means of preventing transmission.
- Masks are NOT Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), such as [N95 masks](#), which are designed to protect you from hazards in your environment and are used in health care settings.
- Masks are not face shields. These do not provide adequate protection.

See also [CDC information on face coverings](#)