



FAS Face Covering Policy

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Harvard's Faculty of Arts and Sciences (FAS) has established policies and procedures to provide the community with protection against the transmission of COVID-19. Public hygiene, regular viral testing, and face coverings are each important ingredients in this community protection program. Harvard requires the use of face coverings indoors, regardless of vaccination status.

Face coverings perform two functions; they reduce the amount of exhaled viral particles, and they help filter inhaled air. Using an appropriate face covering protects both the community and the wearer.

The Faculty of Arts and Sciences makes available medical grade 3-ply surgical masks, clear masks and a KN95 option* to members of the FAS community who work or reside on campus, free of cost. These face coverings are distributed through your department. We require that FAS community members use FAS-compliant face covering at all times when they are indoors, except when eating or drinking, regardless of vaccination status. If mutually agreed, suitemates can remove face coverings when in their suites. Employees can also remove face coverings when they are the sole occupant of a private office.

Students who have additional health needs should contact Harvard University Health Services. Employees who have additional health needs should contact their supervisor, or divisional Assistant Dean for Academic Appointments, as appropriate. Individuals who wish to use [University approved](#) face coverings other than the FAS-issued masks are welcome to do so, at their own expense, as long as the filtration protection is greater than or equal to the FAS-issued face coverings.

* KN95 masks are not in lieu of the current mask guidance as that remains the same but an addition to the current mask offerings.