

Effective July 23, 2020, the Montana State University Billings (MSUB) [Back to Business Fall 2020 Action Plan](#) requires that anyone entering an MSUB campus building, including residence halls, must wear a face covering. All MSU Billings students, faculty, staff, and visitors are required to wear a face covering on University and City College campus and on MSUB-leased properties.

This face covering requirement has been established because we respect and care for our own health and the health of every person that we encounter on campus and in our community. We choose to work together and do our part to limit the spread of this serious disease.

Face coverings are required in all indoor spaces and all enclosed or partially enclosed outdoor spaces. Face coverings will be required in all outdoor spaces where social distancing is not possible or difficult to reliably maintain. In outdoor settings where social distancing is possible, face coverings continue to be strongly recommended. The face covering requirement applies to all MSUB students, employees and to all visitors, including service providers, contractors, vendors, suppliers, alumni, families, and community members.

The following exceptions apply to students, employees, and visitors regarding face coverings:

- when alone in an office, enclosed study area, or other space where permitted by official notice;
- when inside campus residence hall rooms or apartments; however, face coverings are still required in common areas such as hallways, common restrooms and when visiting other rooms;
- when working or spending time outdoors (e.g. walking, exercising) and at least a six-foot distance can be consistently and reliably maintained;
- Persons engaged in an activity that makes wearing a face covering impractical or unsafe, such as strenuous physical exercise;
- in instances or spaces (such as welding labs, nursing labs, etc.) in which other requirements for personal protective equipment (PPE) make it either impractical or unsafe to wear an additional face covering;
- when alone in a vehicle or utility vehicle used for MSUB business, however, face coverings are required in vehicles used for MSUB business when there is more than one person inside the vehicle; and
- when an accommodation is necessary as indicated by a medical professional and granted by written permission of the University.
- Children under the age of five and those who cannot physically remove a face covering without assistance, or those who have requested and received a necessary accommodation are not required to wear face coverings. All children between the ages of two and four, however, are strongly encouraged to wear a face covering. Children under the age of two should not wear a face covering.