

## Resolution Re Mask-Wearing at MSU

Whereas wearing a face covering effectively reduces the transmission of COVID-19 ([https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2020/06/21/880832213/yes-wearing-masks-helps-heres-why?utm\\_campaign=npr&utm\\_term=nprnews&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=facebook.com&fbclid=IwAR20yVcxQJV7IOS4\\_5TUVyglfTrIowT\\_4E8\\_Is5EY2xtWv6\\_tPip6Z0GKmI&fbclid=IwAR1Z5VAnJ3q6E-BJLanbXm0ncoRQrOSO2nknJaUAyYeFFkIRxy44VozsG20](https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2020/06/21/880832213/yes-wearing-masks-helps-heres-why?utm_campaign=npr&utm_term=nprnews&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook.com&fbclid=IwAR20yVcxQJV7IOS4_5TUVyglfTrIowT_4E8_Is5EY2xtWv6_tPip6Z0GKmI&fbclid=IwAR1Z5VAnJ3q6E-BJLanbXm0ncoRQrOSO2nknJaUAyYeFFkIRxy44VozsG20)),

Whereas various studies have placed between 20-45% of infected persons as asymptomatic and masks may manage or eliminate virus spread within a given population such as a school ([https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/advice-on-the-use-of-masks-in-the-community-during-home-care-and-in-healthcare-settings-in-the-context-of-the-novel-coronavirus-\(2019-ncov\)-outbreak](https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/advice-on-the-use-of-masks-in-the-community-during-home-care-and-in-healthcare-settings-in-the-context-of-the-novel-coronavirus-(2019-ncov)-outbreak), p. 7),

Whereas symptoms of COVID-19 may not appear for up to 14 days,

Whereas Governor Beshear in issuing Phase II re-opening guidelines and Dr. Stephen Stack, Department of Public Health Commissioner, in his guidance to public schools, have recommended the use of face coverings (eg masks) to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace and schools,

Whereas MSU's Healthy At Work Policy (<https://www.moreheadstate.edu/healthyatwork>), May 15 Office of the President's Memo, Phase I memo for June 1-June 30 cites:

“Based on guidance, all employees who come to campus are expected to wear face masks if you are working indoors and around others. If you are in your individual office or other work area separated from other employees with more than six feet of social distancing, the decision to keep a mask on remains with the employee. We are providing the following link for your information:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>.”

Whereas the faculty, staff, and students of Morehead State University in supporting and modeling an effectively safe and healthy campus environment, endorse this Resolution via the Faculty Senate, Student Government Association Executive Council, and Staff Congress Executive Council,

Be it resolved that Morehead State University require the wearing of face coverings, unless otherwise medically prohibited and duly approved by the appropriate institutional office, for all students, staff, faculty, contractors, and visitors to the Morehead State University campuses included all sport facilities and general access spaces.

### References:

UK: <https://www.uky.edu/coronavirus/> p. 7, 73, 78 (visitors), 104-105 (event participation), 124-125 (dorms; healthy living starter kit) Requires masks

EKU: <https://library.eku.edu/library-covid-19-information> Library requires masks for everyone

EKU official page: [https://staywell.eku.edu/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov#\\_ga=2.238969730.328232956.1592662722-1825255888.1592662722](https://staywell.eku.edu/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov#_ga=2.238969730.328232956.1592662722-1825255888.1592662722)

WKU: <https://www.wku.edu/restart/> p. 9-10, 15 (classrooms) Requires masks

Murray State: <https://www.murraystate.edu/racerrestart/> Requires masks

University of Louisville: <http://louisville.edu/coronavirus/assets/pivot-to-fall-2020> Requires masks

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/cloth-face-coverings-information.pdf>

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2006.03175.pdf>