

November 13, 2020

Dear Campus Community:

Today, West Virginia Governor Jim Justice announced an executive order requiring indoor face coverings. The mandate is in response to the rising cases of COVID-19 in WV and goes into effect for the entire state as of midnight tonight. The order contains the following:

- Face coverings must be worn **at all times** in all public indoor places with the following exceptions:
  - Does not apply when you are at a restaurant and **actively** consuming food or drink.
  - Does not apply when you are in a closed room by yourself.
- All businesses must ensure this requirement is being followed.

The University's protocols for COVID-19 already in place call for these measures to be followed. Our low number of cases, particularly during the second half of the semester, indicate that we have been taking the guidelines seriously. This statewide mandate, however, serves to underscore the necessity for us to rigorously follow the required face-covering practices while also maintaining social distance.

May we all remain safe and healthy as we work together for a strong finish to the semester!

Sincerely,



Dr. Tim Barry  
President



Bruce Blankenship  
COVID-19 Response Coordinator  
Assistant to the President for Special Projects