P.G.I. FACE COVERING MANDATE

Face coverings are required to be worn indoors while on Pacifica’s campuses by all persons regardless of vaccination status. Additionally, they must be worn inside of PGI transportation vehicles when occupied by more than one person. Face coverings and/or social distancing are encouraged, but not required for use outdoors. All employees, students, and visitors may wear a face covering on campus without fear of retaliation.

A face covering must completely cover the nose and mouth and be secured to the head, cannot have any slits or holes, and must fit snugly. Approved face coverings are:

- A tightly woven fabric or non-woven material of at least two layers, but such masks should not let light pass through when held up to a light source.
- Gaiters may be used as a face covering but must have two layers of fabric or be folded to make two layers.
- If applicable and not in violation of local, state, or federal mandates and with approval from the Director of Campus Safety, a draped face shield may be used as an alternative.

KN95 or equivalent Face coverings are available from reception at either campus or by emailing a request to Safety@pacific.edu.

The following exceptions apply for indoor face covering requirements:

- While eating or drinking in dining facilities or other designated spaces.
- Individuals in their office or designated workspace alone.
- Fully vaccinated employees sharing a workspace after approval. To receive approval, contact the Director of Campus Safety.
- Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a mask. This includes persons with a medical condition for whom wearing a mask could obstruct breathing or who are unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a mask without assistance.
- Persons who are hearing impaired, or communicating with a person who is hearing impaired, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication.
- Persons for whom wearing a mask would create a risk to the person related to their work, as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines.
- Persons younger than two years old.

For those unable to wear a face covering for any of the above reasons must be fully vaccinated or test for COVID twice weekly.

Unvaccinated individuals, while on campus, may request a N95 mask free of charge from the receptionist at either campus.

All persons are expected to follow the face covering requirements at all times when on campus or in Pacifica vehicles. Students, employees, and visitors who are not adhering to the Face Covering Mandate may be asked to leave campus or be subject to disciplinary action. Nothing in Pacifica’s mandate should be construed in such a way as to violate federal, California or local applicable law, regulation or health orders.

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