



**2020 Mask & Social Distancing Policy**  
(Effective fall 2020 semester or until rescinded)

In keeping with the University's Core Values of hospitality and respect, and to enhance the safety of the entire USJ community, the following Mask & Social Distancing Policy is in effect at USJ. All students, faculty, and staff play a role in protecting their own health and the health and well-being of others.

**1. Masks and Face Coverings**

- Students, faculty, and staff and visitors **MUST** wear masks or face coverings, completely covering their mouth and nose while in any USJ campus building common space (e.g. classrooms, labs, department offices, conference rooms, hallways, library, O'Connell Center, McGovern Hall, etc.), including residence halls, except when alone in a private office, residence hall room with roommates only, or bathroom.
- Students who are not in compliance will be reminded to put on a mask/face covering and if they do not comply, will have to leave the area. Students who do not comply may participate only in remote learning and online classes.
- Students, faculty, and staff must wear masks or face coverings in any outdoor location on campus (including walking between buildings), where six (6) feet of physical (social) distancing is not possible.
- Masks or face coverings may be removed when eating or drinking in public areas on campus but should be replaced as quickly as possible when within six (6) feet of another person.
- Students who are not able to wear a mask due to a documented disability or medical reason, must seek an accommodation from the Office of Accessibility Services (contact: Jennifer Boylan, Coordinator of Student Accessibility Services at [Accessibility@usj.edu](mailto:Accessibility@usj.edu) or 860.231.5481) prior to arriving on campus.
- Employees should contact Human Resources for accommodation related to this policy.

**2. Social Distancing Requirement**

- Students, faculty, and staff must maintain six (6) feet of physical (social) distancing at all times on campus, whether indoors or outdoors.
- Residential students should refer to their Residence Hall Contract for further guidance on common areas and living spaces within the residence halls.
- No visitors are allowed in residence halls. This includes family members, friends, and USJ students who do not live in on-campus housing.

**3. Enforcement**

All members of the USJ community play a role in enforcing this policy by reminding others to wear a mask/face covering and to maintain distance. Students who fail to comply with the policy will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct/Student Affairs for a disciplinary violation and may be subject to immediate removal from the campus.