

MEMORANDUM

Date: August 18, 2021

To: UAH Faculty

From: Robert G. Lindquist,
Interim Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Subject: Encouraging Safe Student Behavior

Face coverings are required in classrooms, with the exception of those involved in exercise or while actively eating or drinking. If a student arrives to class without a face covering, politely remind them of the requirement.

- Request that they comply and provide helpful direction to the nearest location to obtain a mask if they have none.
- If a student refuses to comply, remind them that it will be considered a misconduct issue, they will be asked to leave the classroom, and they will be reported for misconduct through Charger 360.
- If student continues to refuse the request to comply, instruct the class to take a break for 5-10 minutes while you invite the student to exit the classroom for a one-on-one conversation. Politely explain that in the interest of all involved, the student will not be allowed to remain in the classroom/building without a face covering. Further resistance can result in a call to campus police.

If the student claims that they cannot comply due to a disability, refer them to the Disability Support Services <https://www.uah.edu/dss> so that they can complete the application for services. Let them know that a student is not considered by UAH to be a student with a disability unless they have registered with Disability Support Services. Accommodations begin after the student has provided the instructor (including teaching assistants) with an official Letter of Accommodation from Disability Support Services for that specific semester. The student is responsible for this action.

The COVID-19 Campus Guidelines webpage <https://www.uah.edu/covid-19> will be regularly updated with the latest information and FAQs to ensure your safety in fall semester and beyond.