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Victoria University Policy on Non-Medical Masks or Face Coverings

Victoria University in the University of Toronto has approved the *Policy on Non-Medical Masks or Face Coverings*, effective August 20, 2020. This temporary Policy requires non-medical masks or face coverings to be worn indoors in common-use spaces including classrooms and common areas in residence on Victoria University property.

This Policy is consistent with the approach outlined in City of Toronto By-Law 541-2020 and will remain in effect as long as Ontario public health authorities recommend that mask-wearing is necessary in indoor public spaces. It is subject to change and extension at the discretion of the President of Victoria University or designated authorities as public health guidance and understanding about COVID-19 evolve.

Additional information and details about the application of the Policy, exceptions, and medical accommodations are available in the Victoria University Guideline on Non-Medical Masks, which is posted on Victoria's COVID-19 webpage. This information may be updated periodically as our response to COVID-19 evolves.

Your health and safety remain our top priority. There are positive health impacts of using a non-medical mask or face covering to slow the rate of COVID-19 community transmission. This Policy is one of the many steps Victoria University and the University of Toronto are taking to support our community efforts to address the pandemic.

For additional information, please contact either the Human Resources Office (for faculty and staff) or the Office of the Dean of Students (for students).

Approved by the President of Victoria University, August 20, 2020