



Face Covering Policy to Address COVID-19 as of August 14, 2020

Law is a self-regulating profession. Since ASL is in the practice of educating the next generation of lawyers to be advocates for and protectors of other persons' life, liberty and property, ASL trusts that every member of the ASL community will deeply respect the personal responsibility each person at ASL has to protect our community as a whole. Face coverings must be worn by all members of the ASL community when in public areas and when social distancing guidelines cannot be maintained. Public areas include: entrances and exits of buildings, hallways, stairwells, entrances and exits of classrooms, and bathrooms. The requirement to wear a face covering does not apply to the following:

- When social distancing guidelines can be maintained;
- While eating or drinking;
- Individuals exercising or using exercise equipment;
- Any person who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the face covering without assistance;
- Any person seeking to communicate with the hearing impaired and for which the mouth needs to be visible; and,
- When temporary removal of the face covering is necessary to secure government or medical services.

Students with health conditions that prohibit wearing a face covering can be accommodated by attending classes entirely online. Faculty and staff with health conditions that prohibit wearing a face covering should contact Jina Sauls at jsauls@asl.edu.

When social distancing guidance can be maintained, ASL community members are nevertheless encouraged to wear a face covering. Faculty and staff may require a face covering for other ASL community members who visit in their offices.

In support of this policy, ASL will be providing each community member with two (2) reusable face masks. If an ASL community member chooses to provide his or her own mask, the mask cannot be: (i) made of a polyester spandex material, (ii) knitted, or (iii) a bandana, as all of these materials have been found to be ineffective in slowing the spread of COVID-19.

Students are reminded that failure to abide by any COVID-19 related policy violates the Code of Student Conduct/Code of Academic Integrity. Faculty and Staff are reminded that failure to abide by any COVID-19 related policy violates the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Abigail Wescott at awescott@asl.edu