REVISED ORDER REQUIRING FACE COVERINGS IN PUBLIC PLACES

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Attention: Faculty, Staff, and Students,

This is an update to previously posted policies regarding response to the COVID 19 pandemic. Mount Wachusett Community College remains committed to the health and safety of the college community. College leaders continue to monitor and update policies and procedures as new information becomes available.

Due to the recent up-tick of cases in many cities and towns throughout the Commonwealth and across the country, Governor Baker has issued updated orders:

- Face coverings/masks
  - All persons (over the age of 5) shall wear face-coverings in
    - “all public places,” even when socially distanced more than 6 feet from others
      - Public locations include any place open to the public including, without limitation...public transportation,...sharing vehicles with non-household members; public streets and ways....”
    - Face coverings/masks must cover both the nose and the mouth
      - Wash cloth face coverings often

MWCC revisions include mandatory face coverings while in hallways, restrooms, and any other public space, at all times, both indoors and outdoors.

- The revised order still provides an exception for persons who cannot wear a face-covering due to a medical or disabling condition but allows employers and schools to require proof of such condition.

Reminders:

- the CDC recommends face coverings/masks that are a least two ply and cannot be seen through;
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least twenty seconds
  - Use alcohol based hand sanitizer of at least 60% alcohol when soap and water is not available (does not take place of good hand washing)
  - Sanitizer is available at entrances and other locations in the building(s)
- Socially distance by at least 6 feet whenever possible
- Do NOT come to work or school if you have symptoms or have been in contact with someone who is positive or suspected positive for COVID 19. You not only risk your own health but also the health of the college community.
  - When in doubt, stay out and contact your supervisor or faculty for guidance
- If you are contacted by a contact tracer or medical professional advising that you may be positive or have had contact with a positive case, DO NOT come to campus
  - Students contact Student Services for guidance before returning to campus
  - Faculty and Staff contact Human Resources before returning to campus
- Avoid congregating in groups

We recognize these are stressful times. It is important that we continue to work together to keep each other safe.

Stay Safe! Stay Healthy!

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