ENVIRONMENT HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY
COVID-19 MASK PROTOCOL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND EXEMPTION PROCEDURE

Purpose and Definitions

As part of its program for a safe start of the fall 2021 academic term, the university is requiring all students, employees (as defined in the Environmental, Health and Safety Policy) and Regular Visitors (collectively “Campus Community Members”) to complete an acknowledgement regarding the University’s COVID-19 mask requirements. This information will be used for the purpose of determining whether a person is required to participate in the university’s COVID-19 mask wearing protocol.

“Regular Visitors” are persons who are not students or employees, who have declared that they are attending on campus or at an off-campus facility or activity operated by the university and who have a university issued Netlink ID.

Procedure

1. Starting September 8, 2021, the University of Victoria requires all Campus Community Members coming to campus to acknowledge and comply with the University’s Mask protocol against COVID-19. Campus Community Members must complete their declaration by September 26, 2021. Mask acknowledgements and exemption claims are confidential to the University and will be securely stored. Mask acknowledgements and exemption claims can be made here. Mask acknowledgements and exemption claims may be updated at any time.

2. The University may require medical evidence to support claims for exemption where masks cannot be worn due to a psychological, behavioural or health conditions, or a physical cognitive or mental impairment; or where the claimant cannot put on or remove a face covering without the assistance of another person.

3. Students who indicate in their acknowledgement that they are eligible for the exemptions above in 2 and can provide proof, if and when required by the university, will be exempt from the masking protocol.

4. Employees and Regular Visitors who indicate in their acknowledgement that they are eligible for the exemptions in 2 must provide supporting documentation acceptable to the university stating the grounds on which they are seeking an accommodation to their supervisor or contact a Work-Life Consultant.

5. Failure to adhere to this procedure, or the provision of a false declaration of exempt status, may result in discipline, loss of the ability to access UVic services or premises, or the loss of other privileges.