

## VBCCM Student Mask Policy and Compliance Guidelines

Masks are required to be worn at all times while inside any College building and while on campus or property. An adequate mask must have 2 or more layers of tightly-woven fabric, or be a commercially produced three-layer disposable non-medical mask. The mask must fit securely, without gaping, over the nose and mouth with ties or ear loops.

### Ensuring Compliance:

- All students at VBCCM campus must conform to all COVID-19 Policy Rules, including the wearing of masks
- The President has the responsibility to ensure that students follow Alexander College rules and safety protocols
- Notices detailing applicable VBCCM rules and safety protocols will be posted at all entrances, classrooms and communal areas
- All faculty, staff and students are encouraged to bring concerns regarding any VBCCM rules or safety protocols or incidents of non-compliance to the attention of the President
- For support in investigating incidents of non-compliance or similar concerns by faculty and staff, as with other conduct concerns, please contact the President
- Failure to follow these COVID-19 Policy Rules or safety protocols by student workers may result in discipline up to and including the termination of employment.
- Failure to follow these COVID-19 Policy Rules or safety protocols by students may result in discipline according to the VBCCM Student Code of Conduct, including suspension and / or expulsion. Non-compliance should first be addressed with a warning. Students who continue non-compliant behaviour will be removed from campus.
- For support regarding the application of the VBCCM Student Code of Conduct, staff and faculty can contact the President.

### Indoor Mask Exceptions

- Anyone who is unable to wear a mask due to health conditions, including physical, behavioural, psychological or cognitive will be required to take virtual classes;
- Anyone unable to put on or remove a mask without the assistance of another person;
- Where communication requires that a person be able to see the speaker's mouth;
- If the mask is removed temporarily for the purposes of identifying the person wearing it;
- Persons consuming food or beverages provided they adhere to the VBCCM COVID-19 Safety Plan
- While receiving a service from the LPN; only if removing the face covering is necessary in order to receive the service;
- VBCCM faculty or staff or other persons assisting with a health or safety emergency;
- Where an exception has been approved and provided in writing by the President, after consultation with the VBCCM COVID-19 Safety Plan.

### **Note: the above is pursuant to Student Conduct Rule #8**

8) Students must abide by all college policies regarding health restrictions, including performing self-checks before coming to campus and wearing masks as required by the institution.

Modeled after UBC's COVID 19 Campus Rules