

# Think Safety First!

## CHEMICAL SAFETY MOMENT

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### Face Covering Recommendations for Research Work at UD

The type of facial covering to wear should be selected according to the type of activity and in-person interaction needs. Please visit the Research Office website for more information or scan the QR code to download the Face Covering PPE Recommendation PDF.



### Having Trouble with Fogging Glasses? Try these tips



https://imgur.com/65MEE3.jpg

Make sure your glasses are compatible with these methods before you try them!

1. Immediately before wearing the glasses, wash them with soapy water and let air dry, or
2. Anti-Fog Spray, or
3. Add a thin layer of baby shampoo to your glasses and let dry, then buff, or
4. Wipe a bar of soap over the lens and let it sit, then buff, or
5. Wipe a bit of shaving cream over your lenses, allow it to sit, then buff.
6. Set your glasses on TOP of the mask.
7. **Mask Upgrade:** Add a metal nose clip to your mask to limit the moisture coming out of the top of the mask.
8. **Mask Upgrade:** Add a strip of surgical tape over the top of the mask and onto the bridge of your nose. This will seal the top and limit the amount of moisture coming out of the top of the mask.

**UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE** COVID-19 PREVENTION: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Recommendations for Research Work at UD

This guide specifically addresses the needs and PPE recommendations imposed to reduce the spread of COVID-19 while UD employees and students conduct in-person research work. Guidelines offered here are in addition, and not to replace, PPE requirements associated with specific lab work (e.g., chemical, laser, radiation, and biosafety protection as applicable). Individuals requesting an exception to these guidelines for medical reasons should contact Disability Support Services.

**FACE COVERINGS**

1. Face coverings must be worn whenever there will be more than one person in a room or research space. Face-to-face interactions are to be carried out practicing physical distancing whenever feasible (i.e., separation of at least 6 ft between individuals and avoiding/minimizing close interaction longer than 15 minutes.) The type of facial covering to wear should be selected according to the type of activity and in-person interaction needs:

	Bench-top lab work*	Work with animals	Non-biological procedures with humans	Biomedical procedures with humans (e.g., biospecimen collection, sensors placement, etc.)	Procedures involving generation of aerosols (e.g., exercise testing, invasive nasal/oral procedures, etc.)
COVID MASK	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
GLASSES WITH MASK	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
NO MASK/NO GLASSES	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
MASK & FACE SHIELD	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓

\*Bench-top lab work: refers to research and teaching activities normally carried in a laboratory environment. Additional PPE is to be used according to the safety requirements imposed by the type of work (e.g. work in the fume hood, lab coat, eye protection, etc.)

†For close contact interactions (less than 6 feet lasting for more than 10 minutes) a surgical mask and eye coverings (goggles or face shield) should be worn.

Research participants must wear face coverings during in-person interactions. Research participants may wear their own cloth or surgical mask or one provided by the researchers. If research procedures require exceptions to research subjects wearing masks additional safety measures (i.e., physical barrier between researcher(s) and subject) must be implemented as feasible.

### Anonymous Report a Safety Concern using BioRAFT

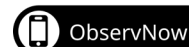
Report a Safety concern, COVID non-compliance concern, and Good Work Practice through BioRAFT's ObservNow feature, located on the main page after login.

**ObservNow**

See a safety concern?  
Click to report it.



Do NOT use BioRAFT to report emergencies or FIXIT requests.



Safe Science is Good Science!