

Reminder regarding the use of Bandanas as Face Coverings:

Early in the COVID-19 response, SUNY Poly provided some employees with bandanas to use as face coverings. Guidance was provided at the time with directions on using bandanas as face coverings. The CDC provides some basic guidance on face coverings / masks - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-to-wear-cloth-face-coverings.html>.

Below are videos and example designs for using bandanas as face coverings that meet the basic expectations of face coverings – multiple layers, cover mouth and nose, fitted around chin and snug to face. The purpose of face coverings is to work as a community protective device where much of the wearer’s “breath” is contained within the face covering or mask. By wearing a bandana with the bottom hanging down without restraint, the flow of breath is unrestricted. This is the reason that Face Shields are not recommended as a replacement for cloth face coverings – they provide no containment.

Besides the SUNY Poly provided face coverings, employees and students are welcome to wear purchased or homemade face coverings as long as they provide adequate containment and cover mouth and nose, fit snuggly to the face and preferably encompass the chin as well. The material should be multiple layers and should NOT have an unfiltered breathing vent.

Videos:

DIY No Sew Face Mask Easy and Quick for Anyone - https://youtu.be/1r2C1zGUHbU	
Surgeon General Demonstrates How to Make Your Own Face Covering (CDC) - https://youtu.be/tPx1yqvJgf4	

Bandana Face Covering Designs:

 https://jenniearle.com/how-to-wear-a-bandana/	BANDANA MASK (NO SEW METHOD) WHAT YOU NEED <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bandana• Rubber bands or hair ties https://www.pepperdine.edu/coronavirus/interim-face-covering-protocol.htm
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Please note, guidance regarding the suitability of face coverings may change over time. In fact, studies may demonstrate that certain face coverings that were at one time acceptable, may not provide the expected protection needed for community protection. We will do our best to provide current guidance when it becomes available from Health Officials.