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I. Policy

COVID-19 is spread through droplets when an individual who is infected speaks, coughs, or sneezes; therefore, one of the most important tools in this fight are face coverings. Based upon guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and state and local mandates, SCHS has made face coverings mandatory, effective immediately.

II. Purpose

To provide guidance for students and associates against COVID-19.

III. Scope.

This policy applies to all SCHS associates and students.

IV. Definitions

None.

V. Policy Details

Faculty, staff, students, and visitors must wear a cloth or procedural face mask that covers their nose and mouth while in all public areas of the building. This includes all classrooms, laboratories, library, and meeting spaces. These coverings may be cloth/reusable or disposable. Employees may remove their face coverings when in their individual offices. Faculty may remove masks when teaching in a classroom or lab setting as long as a distance of 6 feet is maintained at all times between the faculty and the students. Face coverings may also be required outdoors in situations where appropriate social

distancing cannot be maintained. Students, faculty and staff are required to have a face covering with them whenever they are on campus. This policy applies to all visitors, vendors, guests, and independent contractors.

Individuals may use their own face coverings, provided they meet CDC guidelines, and are appropriate for the workplace and clinical setting. Students must meet and abide by the guidelines in place at clinical facilities they are attending.

VI. Attachments
None.

VII. Related Policies
None.

VIII. Disclaimers
Nothing in this policy creates a contractual relationship between Southside College of Health Sciences (SCHS) and any party. SCHS, in its sole discretions, reserves the right to amend, terminate or discontinue this policy at any time, with or without advance notice.

IX. Version Control

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1.0	8/1/2021	New policy and template	Executive Council