Face masks are mandatory at Gannon University’s Erie and Ruskin campuses. Research shows face masks are key to reducing the spread of COVID-19. Here are our guidelines around face coverings.

- Students, faculty, staff and visitors are required to wear face coverings while in class, conducting business on campus, dormitories and in shared common spaces.
- Employees will not have to wear face coverings when working independently in their offices but are required to do so when in common areas and shared/meeting spaces.
- Residential students are expected to wear face masks even in the dormitories unless they are in their room with just their “family unit.”
- Face masks are required in our dining areas. They may be removed only while stationary and eating or drinking.
- Monitor and engage each other to support the face covering requirement as members of the Gannon community.
- Exercise social responsibility, as well as kindness, with respect to the face covering requirement.
- If you encounter students, faculty, and staff who are not wearing face coverings, be mindful that there could be a compelling reason.
- If you should have difficulty hearing or understanding others in conversation with a face mask, please be patient and kind as you work together to effectively communicate while continuing to maintain social distancing.

Gannon has a face mask for you

The university is providing face coverings to every student, faculty and staff member via a return-to-campus Welcome Kit.

For students living in on-campus housing, Welcome Kits with face coverings will be distributed as part of move-in.

Commuters will receive their Welcome Kit via the commuter life office. Watch your emails for further instructions.

Faculty and staff can obtain their face coverings in a return-to-campus Welcome Kit.
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available at the Waldron Campus Center registration desk or supplied by their supervisor.

In the event you forget your face mask or lose it, disposable masks will be available in nearly every department across campus.

Advice on how to wear your face mask correctly

- Put it over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin.
- Don’t put the covering around your neck or up on your forehead.
- Try to fit it comfortably against the sides of your face.
- Make sure you can breathe easily.
- Don’t touch the face covering and, if you do, clean your hands.
- Wash your hands before putting on your face covering.

When you get home, take off your face mask carefully

Untie the strings behind your head or stretch the ear loops.

- Handle only by the ear loops or ties.
- Fold outside corners together.
- Place covering in the washing machine.
- Wash your hands with soap and water.

Keep in mind these healthy habits

- Your greatest chance of staying healthy is wearing a mask in conjunction with the following:
- Stay at least 6 feet away from others.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- Wash your hands often, with soap and water, for at least 20 seconds each time.
- Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.

How to create ear loops for your mask (so you’ll only have to tie it once)

1. spread the mask out on a flat surface
2. tie knots at both ends of the TOP strap
3. cross the TOP strap over the BOTTOM strap
4. wrap the BOTTOM strap around the TOP strap and then under itself
5. pull the end back through the loop to tie an overhand knot (repeat steps 3-5 for the other side)
6. place loops over your ears, hold the knot behind your ear and pull the knotted strap downward to tighten