

## SMU Faculty Senate Resolution on Requiring Face Coverings

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Whereas we are in the midst of a pandemic that has killed over 100,000 Americans, and over 400,000 people worldwide; and

Whereas the Centers for Disease Control and the majority consensus of epidemiologists have determined that "COVID-19 spreads mainly from person to person through [airborne] respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks," and that the regular and conscientious use of face coverings around others is a highly effective way to reduce or prevent such transmission; and

Whereas every member of the SMU community therefore has both ethical and epidemiological obligations to do so; and

Whereas for reasons of both health and education, our classrooms must be made as safe as reasonably possible, including universal use of face coverings; and