Masking is a critical public health tool for preventing the spread of COVID-19, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). With the mask requirement for indoor spaces on Creighton’s campuses, with a few limited exceptions*, the University is making the following masks available to students, faculty and staff as stipulated below.

N95 Masks
> Reserved for students, faculty and staff in clinical laboratory and patient-care settings.
> Offer the highest level of protection, according to the CDC.

KN95 Masks
> Available to any interested students, faculty or staff.
> Multi-use and single-use/daily KN95 masks are available.
> When fitted properly, offer more protection than pleated surgical masks but less than N95s.

Pleated (Surgical) Masks
> Available to any interested students, faculty or staff.
> Offer more protection than cloth masks but less than KN95s.

Cloth Masks
> Available to any interested students, faculty or staff.
> Washable and reusable.
> Provide the least protection. (But much better than no mask. For a better fit and added protection, consider wearing two masks – pleated/surgical underneath and cloth on top.)

How to get them:
> PPE Facilitators
  • Faculty and staff can order masks through their school, college or department PPE facilitators. (The listing is available on the COVID-19 website, see “Requests for COVID-19 Supplies, PPE.”)
> COVID-19 Supplies Distribution Sites
  • Watch Creighton Today and the SLIC student newsletter for dates, times and locations.

Fitting your mask:
> It’s important that cloth, KN95 and pleated (surgical) masks are properly fitted over nose, mouth and chin, with no gaps on the sides of the face or nose.
> Creighton offers individual and group fit tests for N95 masks through Environmental Health and Safety. Contact John Baxter, 402.546.6269, JohnBaxter@creighton.edu, to make an appointment.

(*Masks not required in residence halls, in private offices, while seated and eating or drinking in the dining halls, while exercising.)

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