



NEW ENGLAND INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

CAMPUS REOPENING UPDATE

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TO: All Students

FROM: Scott Freund, Executive Vice President

RE: REMINDER TO STUDENTS TO WEAR FACE MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCE

The start of the fall term is already behind us and as we look forward to the holiday season, there are a few reminders we want to share with the entire NEIT community. First, we need to acknowledge that most students are following the rules to keep our campus, themselves and their families as safe as possible. Now, with the weather getting colder and activities moving indoors, we need to be even more vigilant in doing the things we know reduce the transmission of COVID-19.

This is serious.....One of the most important things you can do is to wear a face mask and to wear it in the proper way. Here's what that means:

- An effective face mask must always be worn while on any of the NEIT campuses, whether indoors, outdoors or in our shuttle vans. The only exceptions are when a residential student is in her or his bedroom alone or in a single-user bathroom.
- An effective face mask is one that is made of multiple layers of fabric, and may be reused after proper washing, or a single-use medical grade mask that may be purchased at local pharmacies and other outlets. Bandanas are not appropriate face coverings for COVID-19.
- The face masks must cover the nose and mouth.
- If you are eating or drinking a beverage, the mask must be returned to cover your nose and mouth as soon as you finish eating or taking a sip of your beverage. This includes when you are socializing or sitting alone.
- Face masks must be worn even if there is a plexiglass separator in place.
- If you wear a face shield you must also wear a face mask. A face shield alone is not enough.
- It is in your self-interest to avoid being in the presence of someone that is not wearing a face mask. If you don't want to catch COVID-19, don't be near someone who is not wearing a face mask. If this occurs while you are at NEIT, and you feel comfortable, you can provide the person with a friendly reminder that a mask is required on campus.

There will be consequences for not wearing a face mask at NEIT. Keeping everyone as safe as possible is our highest priority. We must all do our part. Below are sanctions that will be applied for non-compliance with our face mask requirement:

- First offense – A written warning;
- Second offense - \$100 fine;
- Third offense – a two-week suspension from NEIT (suspended students cannot be on campus, attend class either remotely or on-ground, or participate in activities); and
- Fourth offense: A longer suspension or possible dismissal from NEIT.

In addition to always wearing a face mask, it is important to avoid being in close contact with anyone.

- Close contact is defined as being within 6' of another person, with or without a mask, whether indoors or outdoors, for a sustained period of 15 minutes or more.
- If you come in close contact with a person who tests positive, the state of Rhode Island and NEIT may require you to quarantine for 14 days, causing you to take all classes only online and to remain in your residence hall room or your off-campus home.

We are encouraged to see that most people are wearing masks and helping to keep the community safe. Please remember that the details are important. Wear a mask all the time and in the proper way.

Thanks to all and stay well.