Babson College Face Mask Policy for Students

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Preamble
Babson College’s policies and protocols for responding to the COVID-19 pandemic are rooted in public health and are designed to support the safety and well-being of all members of the Babson community. According to the American College Health Association’s COVID-19 Task Force (2020), “The risk of subsequent waves of infection remains until we achieve sufficient herd immunity through vaccination or actual infection and recovery. Clinical trials and vaccine development efforts have begun in earnest. However, to date, no vaccine or prophylactic pharmacologics exist. Our only tools are prevention through non-pharmacologic interventions, sound public health practices, and supportive therapy.”¹ Estimates suggest that restrictions and limitations in activities will be in place for the next 12–18 months.

Policy
- In order to protect all members of the Babson community and to limit the spread and/or reemergence of COVID-19, students are required to wear masks/face coverings whenever they are in a public space and when gathering with multiple people.²
- Students are not required to wear a face mask while inside their assigned residence hall room, but should always maintain appropriate physical distance from a roommate. Whenever that is not possible or when receiving an approved visitor, students should wear a face covering.
- Students using communal bathrooms should enter and exit with a mask.
- Masks should fit snugly over the nose and under the chin.
- Students are responsible for laundering cloth masks and for disposing of one-time use masks. Students are encouraged to bring additional masks/face coverings with them to campus. Face masks will also be available for purchase in the Campus Store.
- Students should wash hands frequently and maintain physical distance from others (minimally 6 feet apart). They should not attend class, athletics, and/or other activities if sick or feeling ill.
- This policy shall apply to all property owned or controlled by the College and shall remain in effect until further written notice. This policy may be modified as determined by the College to be appropriate in accordance with evolving circumstances and public health standards.

Distribution Plan
- The College will provide all Babson students with two cloth masks each.
- Masks for residential students will be distributed at check-in when they pick-up their room key.
- Graduate students can pick-up masks in Olin Hall (to be coordinated with Debby Leussler).
- Students who commute to campus can pick-up masks in the Reynolds Campus Center (to be coordinated with Caitlin Capozzi).

Enforcement
- The effectiveness of this policy rests upon the cooperation of the entire Babson community by taking responsibility for following these guidelines and reminding others to do the same.
- Potential violations of this policy may be addressed in accordance with the Babson College Community Standards. If found responsible, sanctions may be severe, including deferred housing suspension, removal from campus housing, and/or suspension or dismissal from the College.

² A separate policy for faculty/staff will be implemented by Human Resources.