

## School of Rehabilitation Science

Memo Regarding PPE for all Persons Accessing SRS Health Sciences E-Wing August 27 – December 2020

The SRS has purchased a supply of masks for all instructors and MPT students engaging in face to face courses August – December, 2020. These masks will be available at the common screening station within the Health Sciences E wing where you will be required to don a mask, using proper hygiene procedures as outlined in the documents provided and as instructed when you arrive.

The masks we have purchased are in keeping with PPE required for PTs practicing in clinical sites in Saskatchewan and with PPE requirements for other Health Science students. Despite cloth masks permitted within other buildings within the University of Saskatchewan, **we will not allow any homemade or cloth masks within the SRS or the CLRC.**

Similar to all other health sciences colleges and the CLRC, we have adopted the SHA continuous masking policy. You must wear a mask at all times that you are in the Health Sciences Building. The mask should be disposed of when exiting the building.

Hand sanitizer and gloves will be available within the SRS, as well as additional masks, if your mask becomes damp and you require a new one.

All instructors, lab assistants and students must have a re-usable plastic face shield. Face shields are not mandatory to be worn at all times but need to be used during higher risk activities where there is close contact (i.e. any examination or treatment where therapist and model face to face contact violates physical distance such as techniques where model is lying supine and therapist is positioned above or close contact when treating or assessing the head, neck or jaw). Students will be responsible for purchasing their own face shields. **The School has a supply of face shields available at relatively low cost (approximately \$12.00 per mask). These can be picked up on your first face to face day and payment can be arranged at a later date. If you have your own face shield, please contact Teresa Paslawski or Cathy Arnold by e-mail, sending a picture of what you have (front and lateral views) so that we can ensure it meets requirements.** The face shield should be taken home and cleaned at the end of each day. Instructions for cleaning will be reviewed during the PPE orientation. You must have your identification on your face shield (name with permanent marker) or it will be discarded if found with no identification.

**A face shield is NOT a replacement for a mask. You still must wear a mask as required in our policies.**

If you have any questions, please contact either Teresa Paslawski, Associate Dean or Cathy Arnold, Director.

Cathy and Teresa