

SEWANEE

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH

OFFICE OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR AND PRESIDENT

Dear Members of the Sewanee Community and Visitors to the Domain:

The increasing incidence of the novel coronavirus in Tennessee poses a serious threat to public health. Further, slowing the spread of the virus is essential to our ability to reopen the University at the start of the 2020 academic year. Finally, as a community we will need to take actions in the midst of this pandemic to keep one another safe. I appeal to your sense of civic solidarity in this time of crisis to do what is necessary to protect us all.

The Ordinances of the University (Section 10) state that “the Vice-Chancellor shall have authority to act to meet any emergency.” And so, consistent with [Executive Order No. 50](#) issued by Gov. Lee and [guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), I am instituting a mandatory mask directive for all persons on the Domain—to include residents, visitors, students, faculty, and staff. It will go into effect at 8 a.m. on July 3, 2020, and will remain in force until further notice. I ask for your help in complying with this directive voluntarily. I have instructed the Sewanee Police Department to encourage compliance in the same manner that I am asking everyone in our community to encourage others to comply.

All residents of, and visitors to, Sewanee are required to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth when in public or inside buildings other than private residences, with five exceptions:

1. When they are alone
2. When they are asleep (such as in a residence hall room or hotel room)
3. When they are eating or drinking
4. When they are maintaining a social distance of six feet or more from any other person, and
5. If they have a documented medical condition that precludes their wearing a face covering.

In situations that may be ambiguous with regard to the above exceptions, individuals are asked to exercise their best judgment with regard to their likelihood of spreading the virus to others. ***If in doubt, individuals should wear a mask.*** Everyone is asked to have a mask on their person at all times so that they may don it when circumstances require it as outlined above.

I am grateful for your cooperation in helping to keep our community safe during this unprecedented health crisis. We will get through this together.

Respectfully yours,



Reuben E. Brigety, II
Vice Chancellor and Mayor