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Colleagues,

With apologies for the confusion regarding face shields vs. face masks, here is the latest information we have regarding face coverings.

1. All students and instructors must wear face coverings at all times during classes.
2. Face masks that cover the nose and mouth are acceptable face coverings.
3. Although we asked you to experiment with a couple of different versions of the clear plastic face shields that are open on the bottom and sides, we have been told by the Kenosha County Public Health Director that these are not acceptable for classroom use, unless worn in combination with a mask, which seems to make the shield superfluous. We have a good supply of these shields if any of you want to wear the combo.
4. Clear plastic face shields with a fabric attachment that closes off the bottom and sides *are* acceptable for classroom use. See the following link to view the Badger Shield +.

<https://making.engr.wisc.edu/badger-shield-plus/>

We have received 100 of these shields and another 500 are on order. They will be available through your dean’s offices. Due to the limited initial availability, we ask that these be distribute only to faculty and instructional staff who are teaching in-person classes and who wish to use one. I am told they are more durable than some of the others you may have tried and should last for at least a few weeks.

Finally, we have ordered a limited supply of face masks with clear plastic inserts that allow people to see your mouth, which might help with students being able to understand you better in the classroom. We will let you know more when those arrive.

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