To all faculty, staff, and students,

In keeping with the executive order by Governor Baker that went into effect yesterday, May 6, 2020, **face masks or cloth coverings are now required** in all public spaces where social distancing is not possible. This applies to both indoor and outdoor spaces. This guidance must be adhered to at all times by those on campus.

Wearing a face covering can slow the spread of the disease by containing respiratory droplets when a person coughs, sneezes, or speaks. The face coverings can also serve as a reminder to refrain from touching your face. Touching your face after touching something contaminated with COVID-19 increases your chances of getting sick.

If you don’t have a face covering, please check out the information from the [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov) on how to make one. And please [visit our website for more general information related to COVID-19](https://www.umb.edu).  

Stay well.

Sincerely,

Marie Bowen
Vice Chancellor for Human Resources