What is an appropriate face covering?

Brooks highly recommends the use of a KN95 mask. Gaiters, while allowed by the CDC, are not allowed during ISL competition per ISL expectations. The CDC recommendations for an appropriate face covering include:

- Non-medical disposable masks
- Masks that fit properly (snugly around the nose and chin with no large gaps around the sides of the face)
- Masks made with breathable fabric (such as cotton)
- Masks made with tightly woven fabric (i.e., fabrics that do not let light pass through when held up to a light source)
- Masks or gaiters with two or three layers
- Masks with inner filter pockets

What definitely doesn’t count as a proper face covering:

- Masks with exhalation valves, vents, or holes for eating or drinking
- Your hand, arm, or elbow
- The collar of your shirt
- A scarf
- A face shield
- A napkin, hand towel, piece of paper, or anything else that is not a cloth barrier, secured to your face and fitted snugly under your chin to cover your entire nose and mouth.

When do I need to wear a proper face covering?

Wearing a face mask is one of the most important and easy things we can each do to protect ourselves and others from the virus. While it is not the only safety precaution, it is by far the most important. Wear your mask properly so that it covers your nose and mouth. It is important not to let your nose slip out while wearing a mask as it can increase your own risk and the risk of those around you.
Do I have to wear a face covering in school buildings?

Yes, face coverings are required in all indoor spaces on campus. Below will highlight some of the times when it is appropriate to remove your face mask.

Do I have to wear a face covering when I’m in my room?

If you are hanging out in your room with your roommate, you do not need to wear a face covering if your door is closed. If your door is open, all people in your room must wear a face covering.

Do I have to wear a face covering in the hallway or a common room?

Yes, if you enter a hallway or are hanging out in a common room you must wear a face covering. This requirement, in addition to the open/closed-door policy, is in place to keep the community safe and make sure we’re taking proper precautions in our residential buildings. This includes protecting adults and other students who may be present in the halls or dorm.

What is the face covering policy in bathrooms?

In all dorm bathrooms, you must wear your face covering unless you’re brushing your teeth, showering, shaving, or washing your face. In other public restrooms on campus, face coverings are always mandatory.

When should I wear a face covering outside? Are there exceptions to this rule?

If you are outside on campus, you must wear a face covering if you are likely to encounter another individual or if you are with another person.

If you are eating or drinking outdoors, you should be physically distanced from those around you while eating. You can also remove your face covering if you’re alone in a remote and isolated area of campus. However, you must keep your face mask with you at all times and be prepared to put it on if another individual approaches. (For example, when you cross paths with someone while running/walking by yourself or when someone comes up to say hello while you’re sitting solo in a private area of campus.)
What expectations are there for commuting students?

Students who are boarding this spring will not be permitted to leave campus for reasons other than a medical appointment or if participating in a school sponsored event. Similarly, a commuting student is expected to be at their homes interacting only with immediate family, driving to and from school, and at school. In other words, day student homes and the route to and from school are extensions of the school's campus. Day students will not be allowed to leave their campus, which includes their homes.

If I have an event off campus, will I be able to attend?

All in-person students, day or boarding, will be allowed an opportunity to leave campus once for a personal or elective leave during the spring term. In doing so, the student will be able to return to campus only after a 10 day quarantine period (off campus) and three rounds of re-entry testing starting after the conclusion of the event. This will be permitted on a case by case basis and will only be allowed once for the duration of the spring term. Any additional leaves will result in the student remaining virtual for the remainder of the school year.

Can my parents visit campus?

The safest way to stay in touch with loved ones is virtually. To start, family members will not be able to visit campus or drop off items to you. If circumstances around COVID positivity rates change, we will reconsider this option.

I know someone is violating the social contract. What should I do?

A key element of our success this winter is holding each other accountable. We’re a community that looks out for one another, so when you see someone violating the Social Contract, remind them how important it is to follow it, let them know why you want to stay on campus this term, and ask them to correct their behavior.

If someone does not respond positively to your reasonable request or you are unable to address them in person, we recommend you share the information with a member of the dean’s office,
administration or your advisor. It’s not snitching, it’s ensuring our practices are as safe and respectful as possible so we can stay safe and stay together this semester.

**What should I do if someone addresses me for violating the Social Contract?**

If a faculty or staff member, student, or another individual in the community addresses you for violating the social contract, we expect you to respond respectfully and correct your behavior. Their concern comes from a place of care for our community’s health. Remember, it’s on ALL of us to stay safe this semester.

**What are the on campus rules for check-in?**

We will begin the term with all students having 8:00 pm check-in at their dorms. The library will be open several nights each week for seniors. In addition, there will be a structured study hall Monday and Thursday evenings in the Science Forum for some students. All other students, if not participating in an afternoon activity evening practice, will be in the dorms by 8:00 pm.

- Dorm check-in for all students is at 8 pm Sunday through Friday night.
- On Saturdays, check-in is at 10:30 pm for 3rd and 4th formers, and at 11 pm for 5th and 6th formers.

We will consider 9 pm check-in on Friday nights and 10 pm check-in on weeknights for seniors when we feel it will be safe to move into a less restrictive campus mode.

**Can students be anywhere outdoors on campus?**

Yes, students are encouraged to enjoy the beautiful 270-acre campus and possible winter activities safely while adhering to the expectations for physical distancing and mask wearing. Students are reminded that they must remain on campus and should not consider leaving the campus boundaries even for a walk or a run.

**Will I be able to order food from off campus?**

Yes, on campus students will be permitted to order food to be delivered to campus. All pick ups will occur in the lower portion of the hockey rink parking lot. Be sure to give this instruction to
your delivery driver. If you meet the delivery at a different location, you will lose your privilege of ordering in the future and lose your delivery at that time. You should not have contact with the delivery person and should have a cashless purchase. Food may not be delivered during the academic day or after dorm check-in. It may be delivered prior to the start of the academic day Monday - Friday (between 7-7:50 am) or in the afternoon and early evening Monday - Friday (between 4 - 7:50 pm). Deliveries may be made between 8 am and 10 pm on Saturdays and between 8 am and 7:50 pm on Sundays.

I am a virtual student this spring, may I visit campus?

Virtual students should engage with members of the on campus community virtually. Visits or dropping off items to others on campus is not permitted during this time. We ask for your cooperation in helping keep all members of the Brooks community safe. Students who are participating in school virtually should remain off campus for the entirety of the winter session while those who are participating on campus should remain on campus for the duration of the term.

If I am an in-person student, can I go into dorms?

Only students who are assigned to a particular dorm may enter that building. Similarly, commuting students will be assigned to a pod or day student location and these spaces are limited to those who are assigned there. Meaning, a boarding or day student not assigned to that space should not be entering the assigned space.