



Republic of the Philippines  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
**COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION**



**MEMORANDUM FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CHAIRPERSON**

**TO :** PRESIDENTS, HEADS, AND OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE OF  
PHILIPPINE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (HEIs)

**THROUGH :** CHED REGIONAL OFFICE OFFICIALS AND STAFF

**SUBJECT :** COMPLIANCE WITH EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 03 OTHERWISE  
KNOWN AS "ALLOWING VOLUNTARY WEARING OF FACE  
MASKS IN OUTDOOR SETTINGS AND REITERATING THE  
CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION OF MINIMUM PUBLIC HEALTH  
STANDARDS DURING THE STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
EMERGENCY RELATIVE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC"

**DATE :** 12 SEPTEMBER 2022

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Section IV.B.2.b. of CHED Memorandum Order (CMO) No. 09, series of 2022 otherwise known as "Updated Guidelines on the Implementation of Face-to-face Classes to Prevent and Mitigate COVID-19 Infections in Higher Education" states the following:

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**b. Wearing of Face Masks**

*At all times, well-fitted masks shall be worn properly, except for the following instances:*

- i. Eating and drinking in designated areas;*
- ii. Participating in team and individual sports in venues where ventilation standards can be maintained; and,*
- iii. Practicing outdoor activities where physical distancing can be maintained.*

***In case of any updates and changes in the guidelines for wearing of face masks by the national government, such shall be observed by the HEI.***

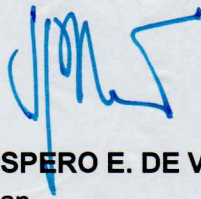
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Pursuant to Executive Order No. 03, this is to reiterate to the higher education community that the voluntary wearing of face masks in open spaces and non-crowded outdoor areas with good ventilation is allowed, provided that not fully-vaccinated individuals, senior citizens, and immunocompromised individuals are highly encouraged to wear their masks, and physical distancing will be observed at all times.

Further, face masks shall continue to be worn in indoor private or public establishments, including in public transportation by land, air, or sea, and in outdoor settings where physical distancing cannot be maintained.

Wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

For strict compliance.



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