Virginia Tech is committed to protecting the health and safety of all members of its community. **By participating in this class, all students agree to abide by the Virginia Tech Wellness principles (https://ready.vt.edu/public-health-guidelines.html#wellness) and the guidance stated in the Fall 2021 plans (https://ready.vt.edu/fall-2021-plans.html).** To adhere to these, you must do the following in this class:

Wear a mask at all times while in class.

Wear a mask during all other activities conducted for the class in public indoor areas.

Isolate yourself from campus if you test positive for COVID or begin to feel symptoms that might be related to COVID (see: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html).

Be respectful of the well-being of others by practicing appropriate personal hygiene and by providing appropriate physical distance when feasible.

Masks may be reusable or homemade cloth masks, dust masks, or surgical masks and should fit close to the face to provide thorough filtration of breathed air. Face shields that are open around the sides do not satisfy this requirement and are currently not accepted as a viable alternative by the university (see: https://ready.vt.edu/faq.html).

If a student feels that they cannot wear a mask for health concerns and must use an alternative form of face covering such as a face shield, they should contact Services for Students with Disabilities to request an accommodation. No exceptions for masks will be provided unless there is an official accommodation notice provided by SSD to the instructor.

These requirements will not be waived. The instructor has the authority to terminate the class session early if the health and safety requirements are not maintained. Students who fail to follow the requirements will be reported to the Office of Student Conduct.

If a student will miss significant class activities because of the need to self-isolate, then the Dean of Students Office should be contacted for an official absence verification. Prolonged absences may be difficult to make-up. Students should consult with their advisor about possible options if too much course work is missed to feasibly make-up. As pandemic conditions continue to evolve through the semester, these requirements may need to change. The guidance posted by the university at VT Ready should represent the most up-to-date requirements of the university and should be checked periodically for changes.

The statements above were provided by the College of Engineering as a suggested addition to course syllabi. I support these statements.