



GUIDELINES FOR WEARING A FACE MASK FOR STUDENTS, STAFF AND VISITORS

On July 1, 2020, the [Secretary of Health issued an Order requiring all individuals to wear a face covering](#) when they leave their homes. This Order applies to any individual aged two and older whenever outside the home, including while in school entities, including public K-12 schools.

"Face covering" means a covering of the nose and mouth that is secured to the head with ties, straps, or loops over the ears or is wrapped around the lower face. A "face covering" can be made of a variety of synthetic or natural fabrics, including cotton, silk, or linen, and, for the purposes of the Order, can include a plastic face shield that covers the nose and mouth.

Face coverings, such as masks or face shields, must be worn by all students, staff, and visitors (including parents and guardians), while on school property, including student drop off and pick up. This is the best way to protect yourself and others. You should bring your own mask and a replacement each day. If you forget your mask or if it breaks you can get a replacement from the district, but this replacement is a single day use mask and should not be reused. A mask must be worn on the school bus.

There are multiple ways to make your own mask. Please check YouTube for various tutorials on how to make a face cloth covering from a t-shirt or a bandana. Your mask must always cover your nose and mouth. You must wear your mask inside the school and while outside when physical distancing is not feasible. There are multiple ways to make your own mask Please check YouTube for various tutorials on how to make a face cloth covering from a t-shirt or a bandana. You should wash your mask from time to time to ensure its clean.

You may remove your mask when you are eating, drinking or when in a situation where you are at least 6 feet away from another person. If you are in a room by yourself, you may temporarily remove your mask but if another person enters the room you must replace your mask. We will try to provide face covering breaks throughout the day. During these breaks we will need to maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from one another.

Transparent face coverings provide the opportunity for more visual cues and should be considered as an alternative for younger students, students who are deaf and hard of hearing, and their teachers. Individuals who are communicating or seeking to communicate with someone who is hearing impaired or who has another disability, where the ability to see the mouth is essential to communication, are not required to wear a mask; however, individuals

should consider using another type of face covering such as a plastic face shield and increase physical distancing.

Some people may not be wearing a mask for various reasons.

- They may have a health condition that impacts their ability to wear a mask.
- They may have some type of disability that impact the ability to wear a mask.

If you see someone with out a mask do not assume, they are just not complying with the rules. Face shields will be issued to those that cannot wear a mask. A doctor's note is required for those than cannot wear a mask due to medical conditions or disabilities.

Athletes are not required to wear a face mask while actively engaged in workouts and competition that prevent the wearing of face masks, but must wear face masks when on the sidelines, in the dugout etc. and anytime 6 feet of social distancing is not possible.