

FACE COVERINGS FAQ

Why are face coverings required?

- Everyone is at risk for COVID-19.
- COVID-19 is spread between people who are in close contact when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks.
- Some people without symptoms may be able to spread the virus.
- Face coverings prevent germs from the nose and mouth from entering the air and infecting other people.

Who should wear a face covering?

- Everyone should wear a face covering while in school buildings, buses, and grounds.

What types of face coverings may be used?

- A face covering should cover the nose and mouth.
- The face covering should fit snugly to the face and stay in place without requiring the user to hold it or adjust it frequently.
- A face covering may be factory made or hand sewn and must be appropriate for school.
- If a face covering has a valve, a double mask must be worn to provide protection from the open valve.

Should students or staff be wearing double masks?

- Double masks are not required but some persons may choose to double mask.
- Double masks can be used to help with the fit. The top mask often helps seal the bottom mask to the face and therefore provides better protection.
- Double masks may provide additional filtration and protection from the virus.

Are there reasons a person would not wear a face covering?

- All persons should wear a face covering unless:
 - the person is not able to take it off by themselves.
 - the person is under the age of 2 or otherwise developmentally unable.

Do face coverings have to be worn inside and outside?

- All persons must wear a face covering on school property, both indoors and outdoors, when they come within 6 feet of another person.



Under what circumstances may a person remove their face covering?

- Students and staff may remove their face coverings when they are **six feet from other persons and** are:
 - Eating or drinking.
 - Requiring a brief face covering break.
- Students and staff may remove their face coverings if **alone** in a private space like a classroom, office or cubicle. Cubicle walls must be roughly 6 feet high.