

Face Coverings -- Frequently Asked Questions

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, on buses, and on grounds.

What is the definition of a face covering?

- A face covering should cover the nose and mouth.
- The face covering should stay in place without requiring the user to hold it or adjust it frequently.
- A face covering may be made of fabric or be factory made, hand sewn, or made using household items such as a scarf.

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.
 - the face covering interferes with their breathing.

Do face coverings have to be worn inside and outside?

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

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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 face covering break, engaged in recess, or other similar activities.