



Dear Linton Families,

On November 14, 2020 Governor Doug Burgum issued the following Executive Order:

Effective November 14, 2020, at 12:01 a.m. through December 14, 2020, at 12:01 a.m., face coverings are required in indoor businesses and indoor public settings, as described in this Order. Face coverings must also be worn in outdoor business and public settings when it is not possible to maintain physical distancing. This order applies to all workers, patrons, customers, visitors or guests.

Over the past 24 hours, we have received clarification and guidance from the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction on how this order will affect schools across the state of North Dakota. During these discussions, it was clearly stated that indoor face coverings must remain on even if social distancing is occurring. Due to the executive order, the following practices will be implemented at Linton Public School:

- Masks will continue to be worn in the hallways and the multipurpose room
- Masks will be worn in all classrooms with an opportunity for students to take “breathe breaks” as needed in a separate area of the classroom
- Masks will be worn during Phy. Ed. classes with the opportunity for “breathe breaks”
- We are planning less strenuous units (Yoga) during this time period
- Masks will be worn outside during recess where social distancing is not possible
- All visitors to Linton School must follow the Executive Order mask mandate

We are hoping the governor will lift Executive Order 2020-43 on December 14, which would allow school districts to utilize local control in implementing policies based on the needs of our area. Until we are given authority to utilize local control, we are hopeful that the statewide mandate will ease the burden on hospitals, long-term health care facilities, and schools so we can continue face to face instruction in our district and our state. We appreciate your continued cooperation throughout this pandemic.

Thanks for all you do,
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