

MASK REQUIREMENT**Claremore Public Schools Mask Requirement Policy with Exemptions****Purpose:**

The policy's intent is to create a balance in dealing with the Covid virus within our District to have face-to-face instruction with our students, allow safe activities, and provide a safe environment for all staff and students while complying with the recommendations from OSDH, CDC, and OSDE.

Policy:

Claremore Public Schools, in following the guidelines suggested by the CDC, OSDH, and many Health Professionals, will require masks to be worn inside all their facilities. This universal masking is for all students and employees of CPS. CPS school buses are considered for the sake of this policy an "inside facility," therefore, school buses while transporting students to and from home or activities will be required to wear masks.

Exemptions to the Policy:

There will be three opt-out exemptions relating to the mask requirement policy. These exemptions are identical for both staff and students.

Exemption 1: Religious Belief

Exemption 2: Medical Reasons

Exemption 3: Personal Belief

A signed exemption form must be on file for each student and staff member (either by electronic submission or hard copy.) Families with multiple children need to complete a form for each child. Opt-out exemptions are due on or before September 22, 2021.

All exemptions will be approved upon receipt.

Duration of Policy:

The duration of this policy will be in effect until:

- a. The first semester of the 2021-22 academic school year has ended (Dec. 17, 2021).
- b. A subsequent court ruling reinstating SB 658 in full, which immediately voids this policy.
- c. The Claremore Board of Education either amends or ends the policy.

Whichever (a, b or c) occurs first.

MASK REQUIREMENT (continued)***Effective Date:***

Mask Requirement Policy will go into effect, Wednesday, September 22, 2021.

Areas and Activities:

This policy does not pertain to outside activities, including recess.

This policy only applies during normal school hours or Parent-Teacher Conferences.

During the school day, student events that require large numbers of participants inside CPS facilities will be discouraged and will be evaluated by the administration on a case-by-case basis.

Visitors:

All visitors will be required to wear masks upon entering all District facilities and will not have an opt-out option.

Masks:

Masks will be provided upon request.

Staff members working alone in their offices or classrooms will not be required to remain masked.