

NORTH KINGSTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
POLICY MANUAL #GBG.1/JLI
EMPLOYEE/ STUDENT HEALTH AND SAFETY MASK POLICY
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STUDENT, EMPLOYEE, AND VISITOR MASK POLICY

The highest priority for the North Kingstown School Committee is the health and safety of all students and employees. The North Kingstown School Department strongly recommends that individuals follow the guidelines of the Centers for the Disease Control (CDC) and Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) regarding masking for students, employees, and visitors in school settings throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. These guidelines recommend that all individuals should wear a mask in indoor school settings regardless of vaccination status. Individuals should refer to the CDC recommendations for the proper selection and wearing of masks.

In the event of an unanticipated change in circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic within the North Kingstown School Department, the Superintendent may take immediate action deemed necessary to ensure the health and safety of students and employees until such time as the School Committee has the opportunity to offer advice and consent.

Any emergency health order from the State of Rhode Island or Executive Order of the Governor regarding masking in schools shall supersede the district policy while in effect.

Any federal or state order related to masking on public transportation shall supersede this district policy, for school buses, while in effect.

This policy will go into effect as of the expiration of the Governor's current executive order, which is March 4, 2022 at 5:00 pm.

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