

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WILD ROSE

Student, Staff, and Visitor Face Coverings

For the safety of our students and our staff, all those entering the buildings will be required to wear a face covering that fully covers the nose and mouth. It must fit snugly on their face and secure in place via ear loops or strings that tie behind the head. The wearer should avoid touching the cloth face covering, especially if hands have not been washed recently.” Please observe the following requirements as it relates to student/staff/visitors face coverings:

- **Face Coverings Specifications:**
 - Face Coverings are to be used by 5k-12th grade, staff and all others in the building.
 - Face coverings may be fabric or medical grade and must fully cover the individual’s mouth and nose. No mesh masks or masks that do not fully cover the mouth and nose. Gaiters and bandanas would also be permitted provided they are worn in a manner that covers the nose and mouth. In keeping with county health guidelines, face shields will not be permitted until further notice or unless building principal and pupil services agree a face mask is not a viable option
 - Face coverings must abide by Board Policy for Dress and Grooming. Any face covering that depicts images or products that cause disruption to the learning environment, will not be permitted at school
 - If students or staff arrive at school without a face covering, one will be provided for them
 - It is highly encouraged for students, staff, families, and visitors to properly and frequently wash the face covering (daily cleaning is best practice).
 - Instruction on how to appropriately wear and clean face coverings will be provided

- **Face Covering Requirements:**
 - ALL staff and ALL students must wear a face covering at all times while in a shared space with others with the following exceptions
 - Students can remove their masks when outdoors if they are able to socially distance and with teacher approval
 - Students may remove their masks when eating or drinking
 - Students with IEPs or 504 plans may qualify for accommodations only as part of a team decision that takes all factors of the student’s disability and safety into account
 - Upon District receipt of medical verification regarding the inability to wear a mask coupled with the District’s ability to otherwise reasonably accommodate. An accommodation would involve some plan and other protection with social distancing, other PPE etc.

- **Refusal/Non-compliance**
 - Face coverings are required and therefore all staff and students are subject to disciplinary measures as outlined in both student, staff and district policies/procedures. Refusal and non-compliance should be addressed using existing behavior strategies and frameworks.

School District of Wild Rose Face Covering Medical Exemption Form

Governor Tony Evers issued Emergency Order #1 (EMO #1) which requires that every individual five years of age and older wear a face covering if they are indoors or in an enclosed space, and “[a]nother person or persons who are not members of the individual’s household or living unit are present in the same room or enclosed space.” This order is effective August 1, 2020 – September 28, 2020. EMO #1 allows others, such as the District to provide rules that may be contain greater restrictions than EMO # 1. For the safety and health of students and staff, and if efforts to keep the schools open, the District has implemented a face covering rule with greater restrictions than EMO # 1.

EMO #1 provides for the following, specific exemptions:

1. Children between the ages of 2 and 5 are encourage to wear a mask when physical distancing is not possible. THE CDC does not recommend masks for children under the age of 2.
2. Individuals who have trouble breathing.
3. Individuals who are unconscious, incapacitate, or otherwise unable to remove the face covering without assistance.
4. Individuals with medical conditions, intellectual or developmental disabilities, mental health conditions, or other sensory sensitivities that prevent the individual from wearing a face covering.

The District will consider, but cannot guarantee, requests for an exemption to the face covering rule if one or more of the below EMO #1 exemptions apply to you or your child, or if there is need for further reasonable accommodation. If interested in making a request for an exemption, please complete the following:

Name (Individual exemption applies to):

Parent/Guardian Name (if individual is under 18):

Signature of individual (over 18), or parent/guardian:

Name and Signature of licensed medical provider:

Date: _____

District determination: