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Dear Butteville families,

Welcome back! These are the recommended mask requirements for Siskiyou County Schools and directly received from the Siskiyou County of Education nurse, Patty Morris. We will require all students to adhere to these guidelines. We will ask students to change masks if deemed inappropriate. We have cloth and paper masks for students if they need them.

**The best are cloth with at least 2 layers of fabric.**

**The disposable purchased face coverings are also acceptable.**

**No face shields** (unless there is a medical exemption or other circumstances described below)

**No masks with vents or valves** (CDC recommends against these)

**No neck gaiters** (CDPH recommends against these)

Here is what the California Department of Public Health says:

<https://covid19.ca.gov/masks-and-ppe/>

Here is the CDC guidance against masks with valves:

#### Masks with Exhalation Valves or Vents

The purpose of masks is to keep respiratory droplets from reaching others to aid with source control. However, masks with one-way valves or vents allow air to be exhaled through a hole in the material, which can result in expelled respiratory droplets that can reach others. This type of mask does not prevent the person wearing the mask from transmitting COVID-19 to others. Therefore, CDC **does not recommend** using masks for source control if they have an exhalation valve or vent.

There are some helpful links in the SCOE website as well.

Sorry for the formality. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. Thank you and we look forward to next week!

Stay safe!

Eric Bragg, Principal