

Winhawk Mask Guide Winona Area Public Schools 2020-2021 School Year

What is an appropriate face covering?

- A cloth or paper mask, scarf, bandana, gaiter, or religious face covering that covers the mouth and nose.
- A clear face shield that extends below the chin in the front, to the ears on the sides and with no gap between the forehead and the headpiece may be used in certain specific circumstances.

What is NOT an appropriate face covering?

- Any mask or other item that includes a valve, hole, gaps, or openings to facilitate easier breathing, or is made of a material, such as mesh, that has openings to the nose and mouth.
- Safety goggles that cover only the eyes or only the eyes and nose.

When is a face covering required?

- Indoors in all District buildings/facilities, except where noted under "not required".
- In communal spaces including hallways, bathrooms, lunchrooms, and other public spaces.
- Outdoors in situations where social distancing cannot be maintained.
- On all District-provided transportation.

When would a face covering NOT be required?

- When eating or drinking, provided social distancing is maintained.
- Outside, provided social distancing is maintained.
- When participating in indoor practices or performances involving singing, acting, public speaking, or playing musical instruments when the instrument cannot be played while wearing a face covering, provided that social distancing is always maintained.
- When engaging in physical activity where exertion makes wearing a face covering difficult. (The face covering must be replaced as soon as the activity is completed.)
- A medical exemption has been approved for me.

What are the exemptions to mandatory face coverings?

- Individuals with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that makes it unreasonable to maintain a face covering.
- Children who are five years old and under and not enrolled in kindergarten.
- Children who are under two years old should never wear a face covering.

What is the process for applying for an exemption approval?

 An exemption form must be signed by the employee and a medical authority. A medical authority includes a medical doctor, psychiatrist, clinical psychologist, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner (a person licensed to write prescriptions in Minnesota).

Wear, Remove, and Clean Your Face Covering

How to Safely Wear Your Mask



Step 1: Wash or sanitize your hands.



Step 2: Make sure the top of the mask is over your nose and the bottom is under your chin.



Step 3: Place the mask over your nose and mouth before you use the ear straps or tie it behind your head.



Step 4: Move the mask around so it covers nose, mouth, and chin completely.



Step 5: The tops of some masks can bend. Press your fingers on the top of the mask to make them fit tight around your nose.



Step 6: Do not touch the mask while wearing it. Use the mask ear straps or ties if you need to make it fit better.



Step 7: Use the mask ear straps or ties to take it off. Do not touch the



Step 8: Throw away if mask is disposable.



Step 9: Wash your mask by machine or by hand before you use it again.



Step 10: Wash or sanitize your hands again.



