



The School District of Lodi's Board of Education passed a face covering requirement at their September 16, 2020 meeting. The Board reaffirmed this requirement at their February 8, 2021 meeting.

School District of Lodi Face Covering Requirement

The School District of Lodi will require that all staff members, students, and visitors age four and older (including parents and guardians) to facilities owned or operated and on transportation owned, operated, or contracted by the District and/or in attendance at a District-sponsored event or activity wear face coverings. The District will consider requests for an exemption from the requirement to wear face coverings on a medical basis. However, such an exemption request must be supported by written documentation submitted to the District business manager at the time of the exemption request. Please note that all such exemption requests will be considered and evaluated on a case by case basis; that the District may not be able to grant all such requests; and that designs on face coverings worn in the school buildings and during school-sponsored events must follow staff and student dress code policies. Furthermore, in response to an exemption request, the District may not grant the exemption, but instead, may offer alternative means of accessing the District's facilities, events, activities, programming, and/or staff. If a student or staff member violates this directive, the District may impose disciplinary action up to and including suspension, expulsion, or termination, as applicable. If a visitor violates this directive, the District may prohibit the visitor from being present on District property.

Staff members who are in a vehicle by themselves or a room by themselves with the door closed are allowed to remove their face coverings. A staff member who is teaching may remove the face covering when actively teaching. While the face covering is removed the staff member must remain at least 6 feet away from other individuals at all times. When a staff member is providing services in which a mask interferes (for example speech/language services when a student needs to see staff members lips) he/she will use a shield or other protective measures as appropriate. This order will not prohibit staff members from providing students face covering breaks at certain times of the day when students can be socially distant.

Please let me know if you have any questions.