

## COVID-19 STUDENT FACE COVERING MEDICAL EXEMPTION REQUEST

A parent/guardian who is seeking an exemption for their child to the general requirement that all students age two (2) and older wear a face covering may ask their child's medical provider to complete the following form. The District does not require that a parent/guardian have the student's medical provider fill out this form. However, the District will take this form and/or any information shared by the student's medical provider into consideration when determining whether an exemption exists.

Per California Department of Public Health's ("CDPH") guidance, which has the force and effect of law, an exemption exists if the student: **is under the age of 2, has a medical or mental health condition or disability which impedes the student from properly wearing or handling a face covering, those with a communication disability, or when it would inhibit communication with a person who is hearing impaired.** A school district health team and therapist will meet after an exemption request is submitted to determine if a valid exemption exists.

Per CDPH's guidance, a medical or mental health condition or disability which would exempt a student from wearing a face covering includes, but is not limited to, a person who has "a medical condition for whom wearing a face covering could obstruct breathing or who are unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a face covering without assistance. Such conditions are rare." The Centers for Disease Control ("CDC") notes that persons with asthma *can* wear a mask.

Students who have a communication disability, or whom a face covering would inhibit communication with a person who is hearing impaired, can wear an alternative option such a clear face covering or a cloth face covering with clear panel, or a face shield with a drape, as long as their condition permits it.

A medical condition or disability does not automatically exempt a student from wearing a face covering. If a student is exempt from wearing a face covering, the school district health team and therapists should still determine whether an alternative can be used by the student, as long as their condition permits.

**Note that per the CDPH's January 14, 2021 Guidance and state requirements, if a student is not otherwise exempt from wearing a face covering, the District *must* exclude students from in-person instruction if they refuse to wear a face covering and will not otherwise wear one provided to them. In such case, the District will offer an alternative educational opportunity.**

Please complete the following checklist, which will assist the District health team in determining whether an exemption to the face covering requirement exists. This form should be completed for student's age two (2) and older, as students younger than two (2) are exempt.



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Student's Full Name:	Student's Date of Birth:
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As the student's health care provider, I certify the following:

**Part 1:** The student has a (check all that apply):

- Medical condition    Mental health condition    Disability    Communication Disorder

Please describe/list:

**Part 2:** The student has a medical condition, mental health condition, disability or communication disorder that:

Impedes the student from properly wearing a face covering. In making this determination, you should consider, in part, if the student is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a face covering without assistance, or if there is another reason why they cannot properly wear a face covering. Please explain:

Impedes the student from properly handling a face covering. In making this determination, you should consider, in part, if the student is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a face covering, or if there is another reason why they cannot properly handle a face covering. Please explain:

For communication disorders only: the student has a communication disability, or a face covering would inhibit communication with a person who is hearing impaired. Please explain:

**Part 3:** Can the student wear an alternative face covering?

- Yes, the student can wear a face shield with a drape.  
 Yes, the student has a communication disability and can wear a clear face covering or a cloth face covering with clear panel, or a face shield with a drape.  
 Yes, the student can wear an alternative. Other alternative:  
 No, the Student cannot wear an alternative. Please explain:

**Part 4:** Anticipated duration of exemption:

- This exemption is permanent.  
 This exemption is temporary (temporary exemption ends on \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_.).

Name of Medical Provider (Print):	Medical License #:
Signature of Medical Provider:	Date:
Phone Number:	Address: