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COVID-19 Face Covering Protocols Quick Guide for TUSD Students

Face coverings may help reduce the spread of potentially infectious droplets within the community when combined with physical distancing and hand washing.

Per California Department of Public Health (CDPH) guidance dated July, 12, 2021. While on a school campus and indoors, face coverings decrease the risk of COVID 19. Adults and students must always use face coverings *while indoors*, pursuant to the CDPH Schools Guidance. See the CDPH Guidance on Schools and School Based Programs (PDF) and Child Care (PDF) for additional considerations regarding face coverings, meals, cleaning, drop off/pick up, and health screenings.

Face Coverings *must* be used in accordance with CDPH guidelines *unless* a student or adult has a medical exemption as explained below. Face Coverings are particularly important in places such as indoor environments, on school buses, and in crowded outdoor areas to help prevent disease transmission.

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How to Use:

The San Joaquin County Department of Public Health encourages the public to wear a face covering over your nose and mouth when on a school campus. Wearing a face covering does not eliminate the need to physically distance yourself from others and to wash your hands frequently.

Cloth Face Covering Care:

Wash cloth face covering frequently, ideally after each use, or at least daily - Launder with detergent and hot water - Dry on hot cycle - Wash your hands when putting on and removing your face covering and avoid touching your face.

Some examples of Face Coverings:

disposable masks, homemade sewn cloth, scarf, tightly woven fabric, etc.

The following individuals are exempt from wearing a face covering per CDPH Guidance dated July 12, 2021

- Persons younger than two years old. These very young children must not wear a face covering because of the risk of suffocation.
- Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a face covering. This includes persons with 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.
- Persons who are hearing impaired, or communicating with a person who is hearing impaired, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication.
- Persons for whom wearing a face covering would create a risk to the person related to their work, as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines.

Note: Persons exempted from wearing a face covering due to a medical condition who are employed in a job involving regular contact with students

are to wear a non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge, as long as their condition permits it.

STUDENTS

Age	Face Covering Requirement
Under 2 years old	No
2 years old-2 nd grade	Required, unless exempt by MD
3 rd grade - High School	Required, unless exempt by MD

Resources:

CDPH (July 12, 2021):

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/K-12-Guidance-2021-22-School-Year.aspx>