



Mask Exemption Form

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), Kansas American Academy of Pediatrics (KAAP), and the Johnson County Department of Health and Environment (JCDHE) promote mask wearing indoors for children, youth, and adults who are not fully vaccinated to decrease the spread of COVID-19. Masks may be removed outdoors.

Please see the reverse side of this form regarding Mask Guidance for School-Aged Children. Mask exemptions will be considered with completion of this Mask Exemption Form signed by your primary care provider. SMSD asks that primary care providers and medical professionals in Kansas work to support and promote masking for unvaccinated adults and children. Furthermore, please advise youth and their parents on how to increase comfort while wearing masks.

Health Care Provider Statement:

It has been determined that my patient _____ has a qualified medical condition or mental health condition that prevents her/him/them from wearing a mask and therefore, should be exempted from the requirement to wear a mask while in Shawnee Mission School District buildings.





Please state the medical/mental health condition and risk:

Signature (MD, DO, APRN, PA) _____ date: _____

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO THE SCHOOL NURSE OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mask Guidance for School-Aged Children

The CDC recommends the use of non-medical grade cloth face coverings for unvaccinated individuals. Masks are considered safe for most children and youth over the age of two years. **There are very few exceptions for wearing masks.**

The child has asthma.	 YES The American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology recommends that individuals with asthma wear a mask in public.
The child has a condition such as autism spectrum disorder, intellectual disability, or a mental health disorder.	 YES These conditions do not necessarily justify a mask exemption unless the child is unable to wear a mask without excessive trauma or frequent manipulation.
The child cannot communicate clearly while wearing a mask.	 YES Explore instructional adaptations or use a face mask with a clear plastic insert as appropriate.
The child cannot remove the mask on their own.	 NO Encourage the family to consider virtual learning opportunities.
The child is asleep or unconscious.	 NO