

## Shawnee Mission School District Mask Guidance



- Masks must be worn at all times by all enrolled students, staff, visitors, and vendors.
- Masks may be removed under the following circumstances:
  - Outside AND at least 3 feet of personal distance is maintained
  - While eating/drinking AND maintaining 3 feet distancing
  - In a room alone with a door and a ceiling with the door shut
- Acceptable masks are:
  - Store bought or homemade cloth masks
  - Disposable (surgical type) masks
  - Double layered neck gaiters that can be pulled up to fit tightly around nose and mouth
  - Bandanas/any cloth face coverings that can be worn tightly over the nose and mouth
  - N95 masks or KN95 masks without valves (these are not needed for normal daily use, but if this is what you have bought, you may use them). N95s are only effective when fit tested and a cleaning protocol is established.
- Masks with valves are NOT acceptable and will not be allowed. The purpose of a mask is to be a barrier to prevent droplets from being exhaled. The valves allow you to exhale your breath into the air defeating the purpose of the mask.
- **Your mask should:**
  - **Cover your nose and mouth at all times**
  - **Not fall down**
  - **Fit snug to your face with no gaps**
  - **Be comfortable so you are able to wear it all day**
  - **Not hurt your ears**
- Proper way to put on and take off your mask:
  - Sanitize your hands before putting on your mask.
  - Put your mask on using the ear loops.
  - Make sure it covers your nose completely and fits snugly, adjust as needed.
  - Sanitize your hands after touching your mask.
  - Remove your mask using the ear loops.
  - Put your mask into a paper or plastic bag for storage.
  - Avoid touching the front of your mask when placing it in the bag.
  - Sanitize your hands when finished.
- Face shields are not an acceptable face covering alone and should always be worn with a mask.