

EBCFA FACE COVERINGS

The Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District is committed to providing a safe environment as schools reopen during the COVID-19 pandemic. According to public health experts, one of the best ways to stop the spread of coronavirus while keeping members of our school community safe is the use of face masks or face coverings. Therefore, in accordance with guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH), the following requirements will be in place at Minuteman until further notice.

A face mask or face covering that covers the nose and mouth must be worn by all individuals in school buildings, on school grounds and on school transportation vehicles. The face covering must be made of two-ply materials and fit securely over the nose and mouth.

The CDC excuses individuals from this requirement for the following reasons.

The individual:

- is having trouble breathing
- is unconscious
- in incapacitated
- cannot remove the mask or face covering without help

Parents may not excuse their child from the face covering requirement by signing a waiver. Requests for exceptions/accommodations to this policy must be supported by appropriate documentation. Exceptions/accommodations to this policy must be approved by Minuteman's Director of Special Education and the Principal, in consultation with the School Nurse.

Face coverings will not be required when proper social distancing is enforced:

- during mask breaks.
- while eating or drinking.
- while outside.

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Minuteman will supply face masks for students or staff who misplace or forget them at home. Students who deliberately refuse to wear a face mask will be referred to Minuteman's Assistant Principal for follow up. Visitors who refuse to wear a mask will be denied entry to the facility.

This policy will remain in place until rescinded by the Superintendent.

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