

AR ADD-R Face Covering

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Face coverings, as defined in policy ADD, are required in the following instances:

Employees

Staff members will wear a face covering while in indoor common areas (e.g. main office, lobby, hallway, workroom, cafeteria, etc.), while in classrooms, at any time when physical distancing is not possible or optimal, while conducting business on behalf of the district, and while attending a school/district related event/activity (e.g. athletic event, performance, field trip, etc.).

Exceptions for wearing a face covering may include, but are not limited to, the following instances:

- Actively eating/drinking
- Working alone in a classroom/office/workspace
- During the administration of medication
- During outside activities when physical distancing is in place

Students

Students will wear a face covering while in indoor common areas (e.g. main office, lobby, hallway, workroom, cafeteria, etc.), while in classrooms, while on district transportation, and while attending a school/district related activity/event (e.g. athletic event, performance, field trip, etc.).

Exceptions for wearing a face covering may include, but are not limited to, the following instances:

- Actively eating/drinking
- During the administration of medication
- During outside activities when physical distancing is in place
- As directed by a staff member or administrator (e.g. designated mask breaks)

Buses

In accordance with the federal requirement (Presidential Executive Order 13998) for face coverings to be worn while on public transportation conveyances, face coverings are required to be worn while boarding, utilizing, and deboarding buses.

Healthcare Areas

Per DHEC guidance, locations designated for healthcare, testing, or for awaiting pickup due to illness (e.g. health room, athletic trainer office) are considered healthcare facilities. As such, infection control practices are held to health care facility standards and expectations. Therefore, individuals being assessed, tested, or dismissed due to respiratory symptoms will wear a face covering while in these designated healthcare areas and also when transitioning to/from these areas.

Visitors

Visitors include, but are not limited to, parents/guardians, contract service providers, volunteers, and delivery persons. Visitors will wear face coverings while in indoor common areas (e.g. main office, lobby, hallway, workroom, cafeteria, etc.), while in classrooms, while on district transportation, and while attending a school/district related activity/event (e.g. athletic event, performance, field trip, etc.).

Visitors will be asked to leave district property if they refuse to wear a face covering. Visitors who have trouble breathing and/or those with special healthcare needs as noted by a medical doctor should consult with the principal or his/her designee prior to their arrival on campus.

The board authorizes the superintendent or his/her designee to amend these requirements and advisories as necessary to meet health and safety guidelines.

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