



## South Fayette Township School District Face Covering Guidelines 2020-2021

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As part of the Pennsylvania Secretary of Health's [Face Covering Order](#) issued July 1, 2020, and subsequent update issued August 17, 2020, the Pennsylvania Department of Health is requiring **students wear face covering at all times while in school**, even when six feet of social distancing can be achieved.

As part of the order, schools may allow students to remove face covering only when students are:

- Eating or drinking when spaced at least 6 feet apart; or
- When wearing a face covering creates an unsafe condition in which to operate equipment or execute a task; or
- At least 6 feet apart during “face covering breaks” to last no longer than 10 minutes.

### **Children with Disabilities**

Children two years and older are required to wear a face covering **unless they have a medical or mental health condition or disability, documented in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act or IDEA**, that precludes the wearing of a face covering in school.

Accommodations for such students should be made in partnership with the student's health care provider, school nurse, and IEP/504 team.

### **Guidelines**

- Although the District recommends that all students and staff wear a form of a mask with a face shield, all students and staff must wear at least a face covering (mask, scarf, shield, etc.) at all times.
- All students and staff will be required to wear a face covering while entering and exiting school, during hallway transitions, and anytime traveling from one location to another.
- AM and PM mask breaks will be given at designated times in each school building.
- As it is a Pennsylvania DOH order, **wearing masks will be strictly enforced** through the respective Code of Conduct practices of each school building.