

# **PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT/FACIAL COVERING**

## **Staff**

Facial coverings must always be worn by staff except for meals. Facial coverings may be homemade or disposable level-one (basic) grade surgical masks. Any staff member who cannot medically tolerate a facial covering must not wear one. Any staff member that is incapacitated or unable to remove the facial covering without assistance, must not wear a facial covering.

- PreK-5 and special education teachers should consider wearing clear masks.
- Homemade facial coverings must be washed daily.
- Disposable facial coverings must be disposed of at the end of each day.

If a staff member cannot medically tolerate a facial covering, they must contact their building principal or supervisor to discuss next steps. Appropriate medical documentation must be presented to building/district administration to start the process for waving the district facial covering guideline. District/building administration will review the documentation and meet with the staff member regarding their request.

## **Students**

Facial coverings must be worn by preK-12 students, staff, and bus drivers during school transportation. Any staff or student that is unable to medically tolerate a facial covering must not wear one. Any staff or student that is incapacitated or unable to remove the facial covering without assistance, must not wear one. Facial coverings may be homemade or disposable level-one (basic) grade surgical masks.

Facial coverings must always be worn in hallways and common areas by preK-12 students in the building except for during meals. Any student that is unable to medically tolerate a facial covering must not wear one. Any student that is incapacitated or unable to remove the facial covering without assistance, must not wear one. Facial coverings may be homemade or disposable level-one (basic) grade surgical masks.

- Homemade facial coverings must be washed daily.
- Disposable facing coverings must be disposed of at the end of each day.

- Note: Students with significant disabilities preventing the use of facial coverings are referred to forthcoming guidance from MDE.

Facial coverings must be worn in classrooms by all students grades preK-12. Any student who cannot medically tolerate a facial covering must not wear one. Any student who is incapacitated, or unable to remove the facial covering without assistance, must not wear one.

If a student cannot medically tolerate a facial covering, parents must contact the building principal for their student to discuss next steps. Appropriate medical documentation must be presented to building/district administration to start the process for waving the district facial covering guideline. District/building administration will review the documentation and meet with families regarding their request.



**COVID-19 Face Covering Medical Waiver Form**

Student Name: _____
Date of Birth: _____
School Name: _____

If a student or staff member requires an exemption, he or she must provide documentation from a qualified medical professional capable of providing the appropriate diagnosis or medical necessity. Schools are required to obtain this documentation as they are with any other accommodation. The documentation should be provided to the building administrator.

Also, please mark whether the child could use a face shield as an alternative. The above-named individual cannot medically tolerate a face covering due to the following medical condition:

\_\_\_\_\_ Medical condition that causes trouble breathing. Describe the nature of the disability:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Medical condition that makes them unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance. Describe the nature of the disability:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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If unable to medically tolerate a face covering, can this student use a face shield?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes                  \_\_\_\_\_ No

Physician Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**In addition to this document, parents need to submit a notice confirming the information above from the doctor’s office (i.e. letterhead or script pad) to indicate that a consultation occurred.**

The list of acceptable conditions along with the guidance for schools to require this documentation from a medical professional has been provided by the State of Michigan and can be found at [https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178\\_98455-535121-.00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178_98455-535121-.00.html).