



# Guidelines – Face Coverings

When social distancing\* cannot be adhered to, it is **required** that students and staff wear a face covering. The student dress code applies to face coverings and only the nose and mouth should be covered, not the full face

\*Social distancing is defined as 6 feet

For the safety of everyone on the bus, it is **required** that all bus riders wear a face covering while on the bus

Students who are sent to the clinic and exhibiting symptoms will be provided a mask to wear while awaiting parent pick up

The face covering requirement can be met with a face shield, a disposable mask, cloth mask, or a neck wrap that is designed to function as a face covering

Disposable face masks are available at each school for students, staff, and approved visitors who may require one

These guidelines extend to all personnel that travel between sites and to all BPS facilities.

*These guidelines may change depending on local, state, or federal guidelines*





# Guidelines – Face Covering Exceptions

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- A face covering will not be required in the following instances or circumstances:
  - Social distancing maintained - Under any circumstance where social distancing practices (six feet of separation) can be utilized and maintained consistently - students who need a break from their face covering, may do so with teacher permission provided social distancing can be maintained
  - Students in Pre-K through grade 2 - It is strongly recommended that students in these grade levels wear a face covering but is not required
  - While eating breakfast or lunch or while drinking water– No face covering required while eating or drinking
  - During physical education – When social distancing guidelines are in place
  - During band or chorus –When social distancing guidelines are in place to often include beyond 6 feet as appropriate for the level of risk
  - Medical, emotional, physical or psychological concerns\_– This requires documentation by a licensed physician or psychologist that wearing a mask is not appropriate for the specific individual - documentation should be submitted to the school clinic staff for students and to the principal for school staff
  - Students in self-contained ESE classrooms - additional recommendations are presented in the [Guidelines for Self-Contained ESE Classrooms](#)



# Guidelines – Students or Staff Without a Face Covering

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## Students

- All students will be offered a mask
- If a student reports a medical condition, they will be referred to the clinic to verify exception or get information on the process
- If it is determined to be non-compliance
  - It will be handled as a Level 1 infraction
  - Parent contact is required
  - If student behavior escalates as a result of the intervention the infraction may result in a higher-level corrective strategy
- With persistent non-compliance, a parent conference is required and the student may be referred to eLearning.

## Staff

- All staff will be offered a mask
- If a staff member reports a medical condition, their exemption will be discretely verified with the school secretary. All staff members will be provided with the information regarding the ADA process for possible exemption. Medical documentation will be required
- Any concerns regarding the guidelines will be referred for review to the Human Resources division