

Face Covering Guidance

Do:

- Staff and Students: Use your own cloth face covering, if possible. If not, WPSD will provide you one.
 - Be clean and in good repair
 - Fit snugly, but comfortably against the side of the face
 - Be secure and cover the wearer's nose and mouth
 - Allow for breathing without restriction
 - Be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape. They should be routinely washed depending on the frequency of use.
 - Be on the wearer's face
- Take breaks from wearing them:
 - Off when in a working space alone and without talking as long as there is a 6 foot or more distance from your neighbor.
 - Off when eating
 - Students should be sitting at desks, large tables, or outside when eating snacks and/or lunch.
 - Off when outside at recess as long as physical distancing of 6 feet from others is being enforced.
 - Educators consider taking "Mask breaks" at certain, designated times of the days. Take students outside or remain in seats 6 feet apart from each other with no talking.
 - When not wearing the mask, store the mask in a holder with the wearer's name on it and at his/her desk.
- Educators and paras wear them while instructing or working in close proximity (one-to-one) with a student.
- Ensure both parties are wearing them correctly if at any time physical distancing measures cannot be met and there is a need for two people to be less than 6 feet from one another.
- During small group instruction, reading, math groups etc. all students wear them while next to each other in a small group. Limit the time for these groups in one day. More time spread apart and facing the same direction is better for virus mitigation.
- Staff and students wear them upon entrance to the building and during passing times in hallways.
- Use hand sanitizer or wash hands for 20 seconds, before putting on the face covering and after taking it off. [How to safely wear and take off a cloth face covering.](#)
- When using a medical grade face covering, make sure the metal piece is on the top and over the nose and colored-side faces outward. This will ensure the pleats of the face covering are downward.
- Practice masking at home to get used to wearing a mask on the face prior to coming to school.
- Face-Shields may be utilized by instructors in lieu of masks as long as they are instructing from a 6 foot distance. When the instructor comes within a 6 foot distance of student(s), they must have on a mask.
- Considerations for students/staff with disabilities that may not be able to wear a face covering. More information to come.
- Health Aides and/or back-ups shall wear a n95 mask or a combination of a face shield and mask when working with symptomatic people in the isolation room.

Don't:

- Touch your face and rearrange the face covering on the wearer's face.
- Share face coverings with others.
- Touch eyes, nose or mouth when removing mask.
- Wear them under the nose, around the neck, rest under the chin or on the forehead or hanging off one ear.
- Wear loose or ill-fitting masks.
- Continue to wear a face covering that has holes, rips and tears in it.
- Continue to wear a face covering that is wet from condensation or sweat. Replace the face covering if it is damp or wet.
- Remove it to talk with someone.
- Place face coverings on young children younger than 2 years of age, anyone who has trouble breathing, sensory concerns, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cover with without assistance.

Resources:

[WHO COVID advice for the Public](#)
[CDPHE P-12 Safer at Home: P-12 Guidance](#)
[CDC: Communities, Schools, and Workplaces](#)
[DOW University of Health Sciences](#)



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40% OF TRANSMISSION HAPPEN BEFORE SYMPTOMS.

YOU WEAR A MASK TO PROTECT OTHERS; THEY WEAR A MASK TO PROTECT YOU.

~~We not Me.~~

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