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## COVID-19 Face Covering Protocols Quick Guide for TUSD Students

Face coverings may help reduce the spread of potentially infectious droplets within the community when combined with physical distancing and hand washing.

Per California Department of Public Health (CDPH) guidance dated August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020: Physical distancing, in combination with the use of face coverings, decrease the risk of COVID 19 from respiratory droplets. Physical distancing between adults must be maintained as much as possible, and adults and students must always use face coverings, pursuant to the CDPH Schools Guidance. See the CDPH Guidance on Schools and School Based Programs (PDF) and Child Care (PDF) for additional considerations regarding, face mask, meals, cleaning, drop off/pick up, and health screenings.

Face Coverings *must* be used in accordance with CDPH guidelines *unless* a person is exempt as explained below. Face Coverings are particularly important in places such as indoor environments, on school buses, and areas where physical distancing alone is not enough to help prevent disease transmission.

### How to Use:

The San Joaquin County Department of Public Health encourages the public to wear a face covering over your nose and mouth when you must be in public for essential activities (e.g., shopping at the grocery store). Face Coverings are for those who can maintain a minimum of 6 feet distance with other people in their work environment and require little to no interaction with the general public. Wearing a face covering does not eliminate the need to physically distance yourself from others and to wash your hands frequently.

### Cloth Face Covering Care:

Wash cloth face covering frequently, ideally after each use, or at least daily - Launder with detergent and hot water - Dry on hot cycle - Wash your hands when putting on and removing your face covering and avoid touching your face.

### Some examples of Face Coverings:

disposable masks, homemade sewn cloth, scarf, tightly woven fabric, etc.

### Per California Department of Education, at a minimum face covering should be worn:

- While waiting to enter the school campus.
- While on school grounds (except when eating or drinking).
- While leaving school
- While on a school bus

### The following individuals are exempt from wearing a face covering per CDPH Guidance dated June 18, 2020:

- Persons younger than two years old. These very young children must not wear a face covering because of the risk of suffocation.
- Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a face covering. This includes persons with a medical condition for whom wearing a face covering could obstruct breathing or who

are unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a face covering without assistance.

- Persons who are hearing impaired, or communicating with a person who is hearing impaired, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication.
- Persons for whom wearing a face covering would create a risk to the person related to their work, as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines.
- Persons who are obtaining a service involving the nose or face for which temporary removal of the face covering is necessary to perform the service.
- Persons who are seated at a restaurant or other establishment that offers food or beverage service, while they are eating or drinking, provided that they are able to maintain a distance of at least six feet away from persons who are not members of the same household or residence.
- Persons who are engaged in outdoor work or recreation such as swimming, walking, hiking, bicycling, or running, when alone or with household members, and when they are able to maintain a distance of at least six feet from others.

**Note:** Persons exempted from wearing a face covering due to a medical condition who are employed in a job involving regular contact with others should wear a non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge, as long as their condition permits it.

#### STUDENTS

Age	Face Covering Requirement
Under 2 years old	No
2 years old-2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	Strongly Encouraged**
3 <sup>rd</sup> grade - High School	Yes, unless exempt by MD

\*\*Face coverings are strongly encouraged for young children between two years old and second grade, if they can be worn properly. A face shield is an acceptable alternative for children in this cohort who cannot wear them properly.

#### Resources:

California Department of Education (2020, June).

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn/documents/strongertogether.pdf>

CDPH (2020, June). <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPA/Pages/NR20-128.aspx>

CDPH (2020, August).

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/small-groups-child-youth.aspx>

Cloth Face Covers (CDC). <http://tiny.cc/cdc-diy-face-cover>

San Joaquin County Public Health. <http://www.sjcphs.org/>