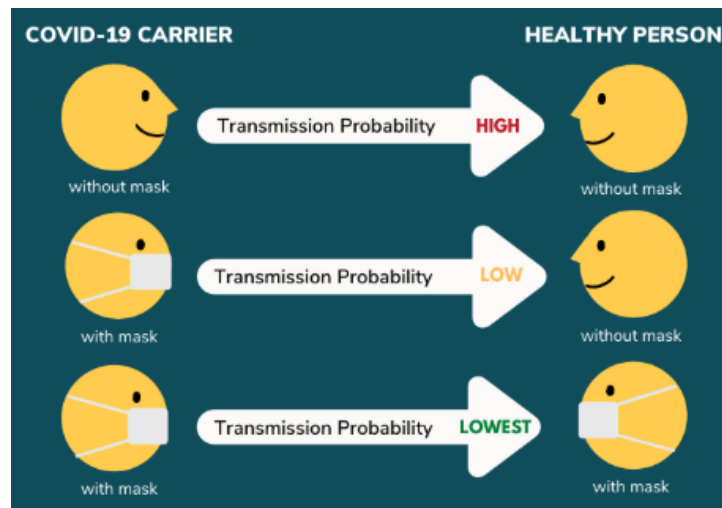




MSD Mask/Face Covering Guidelines 2020-2021

The following guidelines were designed to best protect the health and safety of all students, staff, and community members as we work together to provide quality educational opportunities within our schools. Thank you for following these measures to ensure our entire community can have a successful and enriching school year.



Overall Guidelines

- All students, staff, and other people present in school buildings/facilities and district offices or riding on school transportation vehicles are required to wear a mask/face covering. This includes all transitions such as entering schools and hallways. Accommodations for students with a 504/IEP/Medical Action Plan who are unable to wear a mask will be considered and addressed on a case-by-case basis.
- Face masks will be provided for staff and students as needed to ensure all parties can participate within the school/activity.
- To protect our staff, students, and school community, failure to follow the mask/face covering guidelines may result in the student being sent home from school.
- Students exempt from wearing a face mask due to specific IEP/504/Medical Action Plan services will not be sent home if they do not wear a mask/face covering. Mask exemptions will be addressed by individual education teams/IEP teams on a case-by-case basis. Extensive screening protocols will be required for students not wearing a mask. Items such as face shields and other types of face coverings may be considered as appropriate.
- Stigma, discrimination, or bullying may arise due to wearing or not wearing a mask/face covering. The District will have a plan to prevent and address harmful or inappropriate behavior as aligned with the Moscow School District Building Code of Conduct Policy (5051.00).

Mask/Face Covering Details

- Types of allowable face coverings include: Paper or disposable mask, cloth face mask, scarf, bandanna, or religious face covering. The covering should cover the nose and mouth completely and not be overly tight or restrictive. A face covering is not meant to substitute for social distancing, but is especially important in situations when maintaining a 6-foot distance is not possible.



- A face shield (a clear plastic barrier that covers the face) allows visibility of facial expressions and lip movements for speech perception and may be used as an alternative to a face covering in the following situations: for staff providing direct student support services or when a face covering impedes the service being provided. A face shield is not an adequate substitute for a face mask/covering. A mask with a clear portion over the mouth is preferred instead of a face shield.
- For optimal protection, the face shield should extend below the chin anteriorly, to the ears laterally, and there should be no exposed gap between the forehead and the shield's headpiece.

Unique Locations and Settings

- Face coverings may be temporarily removed to eat or drink, but care should be taken to maintain as much space as possible between people, recognizing it is not always feasible to maintain 6 feet of distance from others.
- Face coverings may be temporarily removed when engaging in outdoor physical activity (e.g., during recess, after school sports, etc.) where the level of exertion makes wearing a face covering difficult. People participating in these activities should maintain 6 feet of distance while doing so to the extent feasible.
- Students should wear a mask during physical education when possible. Breaks from wearing masks may be offered with an emphasis on maintaining at least 6 feet of distance. Physical education classes should occur outside when possible.
- Students should wear a mask during any music (general music/band/orchestra/choir) or theater class when not playing an instrument requiring the use of the student's mouth. Music and theater classes should occur outside when possible. If inside, teachers are encouraged to have students maintain 6 feet of distance in a single file line. Tools such as bell covers on instruments will be utilized as students will need to remove their masks when playing certain instruments. Masks should be put back on when not playing these types of instruments.
- For sanctioned district sports/activities, please refer to documents specific to the individual sanctioned sport/activity concerning mask/face covering guidelines.

Additional PPE Guidance

- Any staff directly supporting a student exempt from wearing a mask/face covering should be wearing a mask, face shield, gloves, and clothing cover such as a lab coat or gown when unable to maintain 6 feet of distance.
- Any staff directly supporting a student with symptoms suggestive of COVID should be wearing a disposable surgical mask, face shield, gloves, and clothing cover such as a lab coat or gown when unable to maintain 6 feet of distance.
- If a person with a mask/face covering exemption has symptoms suggestive of COVID, a mask should be placed on this person, and the person should be monitored closely and have the mask removed if the person cannot tolerate the mask. If moving such a person through the school, hallways should be cleared of as many people as possible and keep people not directly attending to the person at least 6 feet away. All staff members should be wearing a disposable surgical mask. For children who are not able to wear a mask as recommended, it is especially important for distancing of at least 6 feet to be done at all times.