

Friday, November 13, 2020

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With the continued rise in positive cases in our state and county and now that the governor has moved the entire state into orange, we are going to up our required mask wearing.

Starting Monday, November 16, if students and staff are not able to physically distance by a minimum of 6 feet, they will be required to wear a mask. This now includes classrooms. Our Smart Restart Plan states:

[Cloth Face Coverings](#)

According to the Center for Disease Control, “face coverings should be worn by staff and students (particularly older students) as feasible and are most essential in times when physical distancing is difficult.” Maple Valley Public School District will be implementing the practice of students and staff wearing face coverings when anyone is unable to maintain a physical distance of **at least 3 feet for more than 10 minutes**. Students and staff members will be required to wear face coverings while riding the school bus, transitioning between classes, using the bathroom, and attending classes outside of their designated class/grouping. If students and staff are able to maintain a physical distance of at least three feet in the classroom, face coverings may be removed.

The change is going from 3 feet to 6 feet. If students are in a smaller class that can maintain a physical distance of 6 feet, the teacher may choose to allow students to unmask.

Please keep in mind that plastic face shields and gaiters DO NOT count as face coverings when it comes to this guidance.

[See attachment.](#)

I am also attaching the ND Health Department’s guidance on mask to mask contacts compared to mask and no mask. The diagram is very helpful in understanding why it is important to maintain a mask to mask environment. By following this guidance, not only are we improving our safety to maintain better health, we are reducing the chances of shutting down an entire class or maybe even our entire school.

If you have any questions, please feel free to visit with me.

Have a great weekend,

Mr. Windish

FACE COVERINGS REQUIRED FOR QUARANTINE EXEMPTION

THESE COVERINGS QUALIFY FOR EXEMPTION



Surgical Mask



Cloth Face Covering



N95 Mask (no valves)



Neck Gaiter



Bandana



Plastic Face Shield (with no mask)



Any mask with outlet valves

THESE COVERINGS DO NOT QUALIFY

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CLOSE CONTACTS AND FACE COVERINGS

For non-health care, non-residential settings, quarantine is no longer necessary if a potential exposure occurs while both the infectious individual and the close contacts are wearing face coverings consistently and correctly. Please note: these guidelines do not apply to household contacts; all household contacts need to quarantine.

COVID-19 POSITIVE PATIENT	CLOSE CONTACTS	ISOLATE	QUARANTINE	SELF-MONITOR SYMPTOMS
WEARING A MASK 	ALL WEARING A MASK 			
NOT WEARING A MASK 	ALL WEARING A MASK 			
WEARING A MASK 	SOME WEARING A MASK 			
NOT WEARING A MASK 	NONE WEARING A MASK 			

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