



# **MASK WEARING GUIDANCE**

## **WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MASKS:**

1. MACS will provide masks to all students as needed. Students are also allowed to use their own as long as they meet the DOH guidelines. No gaiters or bandanas are allowed.
2. Students will be expected to wear masks throughout the day, including while riding the bus.
3. Students will be provided with brief mask breaks as needed.
4. Expectations including educating students on why we are wearing masks will be taught and reinforced on a regular basis.
5. Masks should be changed daily and laundered when soiled or wet.

## **STRATEGIES TO HELP YOUR CHILD ACCLIMATE TO WEARING A MASK (FOR ELEMENTARY):**

- Find a mask that works well for your child. Not all masks are made the same. Depending on the size and shape of your child's face/head certain masks may be comfortable whereas others don't fit well.
  - Make sure your child's mask fits snugly and covers their nose and mouth.
  - Check that the bands around the ear are not too loose or too tight.
  - Be sure that the mask does not cause glasses to fog or obstruct vision in any way.
- Make choosing a mask a fun activity! Find masks that have a fun print or favorite color.
  - Some children may enjoy using their imagination. Encourage kids to pretend they are a doctor or superhero. Have them place masks on a favorite stuffed animal.
- Teach your child how to comfortably put on and take off the mask.
- Build in times throughout the day when your child can practice wearing a mask for a minimum of an hour at a time.
  - Ex: while watching a movie, playing a game or during any screen time.

## **MASK BREAK GUIDELINES/STRATEGIES**

### ***WHAT IS THE MASK REMOVAL PROTOCOL?***

1. Wash/sanitize hands before removing mask by the strings. Do not touch the mask itself.
2. Adult will instruct students when it is appropriate to take a mask break.
3. An adult will instruct students to put the mask back on after the break is over.

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## FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES TO PROPERLY WEAR YOUR FACE MASK



Wash your hands before and after touching the mask.



Touch only the bands or ties when putting on and taking off your mask.



Make sure the mask ties to cover your nose, mouth and chin. If you adjust the mask to cover those areas, wash your hands before and after.



## TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS, AVOID THESE COMMON MASK-WEARING MISTAKES



Don't touch your or your child's mask while it is being worn.



Don't wear the mask under your chin with your nose and mouth exposed.



Don't leave your nose or mouth uncovered.



Don't remove the mask while around others in public.



Don't share your mask with family members or friends.

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## **PROTOCOL FOR WHEN A STUDENT IS NOT WEARING A MASK**

Students will be taught the purpose of wearing masks, as well as the expectations for mask-wearing and mask breaks. Modeling, reinforcement and specific feedback will be provided by staff in the classroom and school building. If a parent provides medical documentation of a condition that prohibits a student from meeting the District's expectations, a meeting will be held to discuss appropriate accommodations.

### ***"WHAT IF A STUDENT IS NOT WEARING A MASK (BUT REMAINS PHYSICALLY DISTANCED FROM OTHERS)?"***

First, the supervising staff member will re-teach mask expectations, assess the need for individual mask break, and/or provide a new mask, if needed.

- The student puts on a mask or takes a staff-directed mask break and then puts on a mask (meets expectations).
  - Student remains in class

**OR**

**First refusal:** The student refuses to wear a mask (ongoing non-compliance after re-teaching, offering of appropriate mask break, and provision of a new mask by the supervising adult).

- The supervising staff will call for an administrator to remove the student from the classroom setting. Administrator will assess the function of the student's behavior and provide appropriate support/intervention as indicated.
  - If the student complies, they will be returned to class at a time determined by the administrator, following parent/guardian notification of removal.
  - If the student continues to refuse:
    - The incident is documented as a major referral by the administrator per behavior referral process.
    - The administrator will call a parent/guardian to pick up the student from school for the remainder of the day.
    - A mask contract is developed with parent/guardian and student. Additional education regarding masks, code of conduct, DOH guidelines and reopening plan provisions is provided.
    - The administrator will clearly communicate that additional incidents of refusal would result in a meeting and/or formal disciplinary hearing with the Superintendent and may also result in assignment to remote learning options.



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## PROTOCOL FOR WHEN A STUDENT IS NOT WEARING A MASK (CONTINUED)

If there is another incident of the same student not wearing a mask, the supervising staff will re-teach mask expectations, assess the need for individual mask break, and/or provide a new mask, if needed.

- The student puts on a mask or takes a staff-directed mask break and then puts on a mask (meets expectations).
  - Student remains in class

OR

**Second Refusal:** The supervising adult will call for an administrator to remove the student from the classroom setting.

- Administrator will call the parent/guardian to pick up the student from school.
  - The incident is documented as a major referral by the administrator per behavior referral process.
  - Mask contract will be reviewed. The student will be referred to the superintendent and assigned to remote-only learning pending that meeting/hearing.
  - Superintendent will determine additional consequences.
  - The student will receive additional intervention and education about the importance of wearing a mask to protect others in the school community.
- \* If at any point a student removes their mask and/or enters another student or staff member's designated space as a form of bullying or harassment, a DASA investigation will be initiated, and the student is subject to immediate disciplinary action and/or transition to remote learning.

