

# HUSKER FACE COVERING GUIDE

As per the Governor's Executive Order and Minnesota Department of Health requirements, all staff, Kindergarten-12 students, and visitors will be required to wear face covering while in district buildings and on buses. Each student will be provided a cloth face covering. **All face coverings must comply with the school dress code.**

## WEAR YOUR FACE COVERING CORRECTLY

*A cloth or paper mask, scarf, bandanna, gaiter, or religious face covering that covers the mouth and nose*

## CAN I WEAR A SHIELD INSTEAD?

*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:*

- Among students in Kindergarten through grade 8, when wearing a face covering is problematic.
- By teachers (all grades), when wearing a face covering may impeded the educational process.
- For staff, students, or visitors who cannot tolerate a face covering due to a developmental, medical, or behavioral condition.
- For staff providing direct support students services, when a face covering impedes the service being provided.

## Staff, students, and other people present in the school building or in district offices may temporarily remove their face covering or face shield in the following situations.

- Face coverings may be temporarily removed when engaging in indoor physical activity (e.g., during recess, after school sports, or when exercising in a gym) where the level of exertion makes wearing a face covering difficult, and during classes or activities held outdoors. People participating in these activities should maintain 6 feet of distance while doing so to the extent feasible.
- Pre-kindergarten students age 5 years and younger participating in programming in a school building or district office.
- 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.
- During indoor practices or performances involving singing, acting, public speaking, or playing musical instruments where a face covering cannot be used while playing the instrument. Performers should maintain 6 feet or greater of physical distance from others while participating in the activity to the extent possible, and should replace their face covering as soon as the activity is completed.
- People who are entering the school building during the day may be required by school staff to briefly remove their face covering for the purposes of checking identification.
- Staff working alone in their offices, classrooms, vehicles, or other job locations who do not have any person-to-person interaction.
- Staff working in communal spaces (e.g., at desks or in cubicles) that have barriers such as plexiglass or cubicle walls between employees that are above face level.
- When communicating with a person who is deaf or hard of hearing or has a disability, medical condition, or mental health condition that makes communication with a face covering difficult, provided that social distancing is maintained to the extent possible.

### EXEMPTIONS TO MANDATORY FACE COVERINGS:

- Individuals with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that makes it unreasonable to maintain a face covering.
- Individuals at their workplace when wearing a face covering would create a job hazard for the individual or others.
- Pre-kindergarten students who are five years old and under.

If you would prefer a different style of face guard, Everything Signs is selling Husker Gaiters for \$10 at the store.



**The Holdingford School District understands the apprehension families and students have in regards to face coverings. Staff are being instructed to find opportunities for students to have a break from the face covering (i.e. going outside, etc.).**