



MSD of Martinsville Mask Policy



Highlights: (version 10/5/2020)

- * To ensure the continued safety of all students and staff, all individuals are required to wear a face mask even when socially distanced. Students and staff will be required to have the mask covering their mouth, nose, and chin at all times in buildings and on buses.
- * Students may remove masks when eating/drinking or when engaging in strenuous supervised physical activity indoors. Staff will monitor students during these times to ensure social distancing is being followed.
- * Student may remove masks when outdoors IF socially distanced OR if engaged in strenuous supervised physical activity both monitored by staff during school hours. Masks should remain on when transitioning between transportation and the building or while participating in large group gatherings such as student sections, even if outdoors.
- * Mask breaks will be provided in all buildings, but staff will increase mask breaks throughout the day in PK-4 buildings.
- * The MSD of Martinsville will reevaluate the policy on November 9th, 2020 to determine if masks can be removed WHEN socially distanced for all or some schools. The requirement for students and staff to carry a mask with them at all times and to wear on the bus will be mandatory throughout the duration of the 2020-2021 school year.

Mask Exemption Protocol:

The MSD of Martinsville recognizes that wearing a cloth face covering may not be appropriate for some students with certain physical conditions, mental health conditions, cognitive disabilities, or developmental disabilities. A medical statement stating that your student is exempt from wearing a mask **AND** the reason why your student will be exempt will be required **IF** your student does not have a documented disability that would otherwise exempt your student. Please contact your child's school if your child requires a mask exemption.

What Type of Mask Can I Wear?

- ◆ Solid cloth or disposable face mask
- ◆ Neck gaiter that is made from cotton
- ◆ Face shield that is worn with a face mask underneath

What Type of Face Covering is Not Permitted?

- ◆ Face mask with a valve or vent per CDC
- ◆ Neck gaiters made from fleece or Spandex blend (if you can hold it up to a light and see through it, it shouldn't be worn)
- ◆ Bandanas
- ◆ Face shield alone without a mask unless student has a mask exemption accommodation per CDC

***** MSD of Martinsville will provide appropriate face masks to students who doesn't have one.**