

# Wolcott Public Schools

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## **COVID-19 Communications**

### **FACE COVERINGS**

Date: August 4, 2020

**Overview:** As recommended by state and federal health experts and required in Governor Lamont's directives for reopening schools, all students and staff members will be expected to wear face coverings while on school buses and school grounds. We know that this will pose some discomfort for many and we will do our best to help while keeping everyone as safe as possible within these constraints.

#### **District-wide Information for All Schools:**

- All K-12 students and staff members are expected to wear face coverings throughout the day, including while on school buses. Pre-kindergarten students are exempt from wearing face coverings as per guidance from the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood.
- Multi-layer masks are recommended.
- Masks with exhaust vents are not acceptable.
- Students and staff members are asked to bring their own masks but schools will provide one if necessary.
- Teachers may remove their mask while delivering direct instruction if they are more than six feet from the nearest other person.
- Teachers will provide students with "mask breaks" when proper distancing can be ensured.
- For students for whom wearing a mask could be hazardous, parents may present a note from a licensed medical provider attesting to this need for an accommodation. A student who cannot wear a mask for medical reasons may be asked to wear a face shield instead.
- Face masks (and other personal protective equipment) is included in Board of Education policies for student and employee dress code.

#### **Specific Information for Tyrrell School:**

- If a student is in need of a mask they are to report to the main office or nurse's office.
- If a student refuses to wear a mask they may be sent to the main office.
- Teachers will have the opportunity to offer mask breaks at their discretion that aligns to the distancing guidelines.
- In the cafeteria students are to wear masks at all times unless eating their food.

For questions that cannot be answered by your school principal, please contact Central Office by emailing: [reopen@wolcottps.org](mailto:reopen@wolcottps.org)

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