



Mask Policy

JSD Mask Policy:

Masks, or similar facial coverings designed to mitigate COVID-19 transmission and are well-fitted covering the mouth and nose, are optional for all persons indoors in Juneau School District facilities. The Superintendent has the authority to require face masks in certain situations, including but not limited to:

- *People in contact with another person identified as “high risk” for severe disease shall wear a mask when indoors with that/those individuals(s).*
- *People with exposure to someone with COVID-19 (i.e., close contacts) shall wear a mask per current CDC guidelines applicable for K-12 settings.*

If masking is required in school settings, it will generally be implemented from individual close contacts to programs, to classrooms, to building-level based on circumstances.

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Optional Mask Wearing: People may choose to mask indoors in JSD facilities, on school buses or outdoors on school district grounds at any time. It is an individual decision that students, staff members and visitors are free to make without judgment. Parents who wish their child to wear a mask should communicate directly with their child about the expectation. In general, staff members are not able to enforce different rules for different students. Masks are optional on school buses.

Mitigation Practices: The school district continues to operate symptom-free schools, provide testing for all staff and student activities, follow [test to stay protocols](#) and provide masks to individuals who choose to wear them.

If an individual is at high risk for severe illness, they should contact their healthcare provider about the need to wear a mask or take other precautions.

CDC recommends that individuals stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines.

Everyone is encouraged to test if they have symptoms.

CDC recommends wearing a mask when someone has symptoms, a positive test (while isolating at home), or is exposed to someone with COVID-19. See below “COVID Exposure/Close Contact” section for more details about close contacts.

Confirmed Cases: Confirmed positive COVID-19 cases will still be required to follow CDC guidance for isolation and masking.

CDC Guidance: *Confirmed positive cases for COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status, must isolate for at least 5 days. Day 0 is the first day of symptoms or a positive viral test. Day 1 is the first full day after symptoms developed or test specimen was collected. End isolation after 5 full days if fever-free for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication) and symptoms are improving.*

Take precautions until day 10.

Wear a well-fitted mask for 10 full days any time you are around others inside your home or in public. Do not go to places where you are unable to wear a mask.

Do not travel until a full 10 days after your symptoms started or the date your positive test was taken if you had no symptoms.

Avoid being around people who are at high risk.

Case Notifications: JSD continues to track cases that are reported to us and have resulted in exposure at school. These cases are communicated through the JSD website. Students identified as close contacts will be notified as they will have to mask for 10 days as a result of close contact/exposure.

COVID Exposure/Close Contact: CDC recommends that individuals who have been exposed to COVID-19 should wear a mask for 10 days to prevent unknowingly spreading illness to others. This means that there will be times when both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals in a school or classroom will be required to wear a mask for a limited period of time if they are a close contact to COVID-19 or they have tested positive, have no symptoms, and are in day 6-10 since testing positive.

A close contact is someone who was less than 6 feet away from an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period. For example, three individual 5-minute exposures for a total of 15 minutes.

Masks Required: Masks will be required in settings where the COVID-19 vaccine is not yet available for students. This includes our Integrated PK classes, Kinder Ready, and Montessori's Children's House.

In school classrooms where masks are still required, the close contact definition for students is less than 3 feet of an infected student, if both the infected student and the exposed student(s) correctly and consistently wore well-fitting masks the entire time.

Special Circumstances: There may be specific circumstances in a school setting where masks are required to protect high-risk students. Masks may be required indoors while in environments where someone is at high risk. Parents of medically fragile students are encouraged to notify their principal of specific masking needs.

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