



MOORHEAD AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Independent School District 152

District Operations Center

1313 30th Ave. S., Moorhead, MN 56560 ■ Fax: 218-284-3333

www.moorheadschoools.org

■ Superintendent: 218-284-3330

■ Assistant Superintendent for Learning and Accountability: 218-284-3310

■ Human Resources and Operations: 218-284-3350

Please see the Safe Return to In-Person Plan for current district face covering requirements.

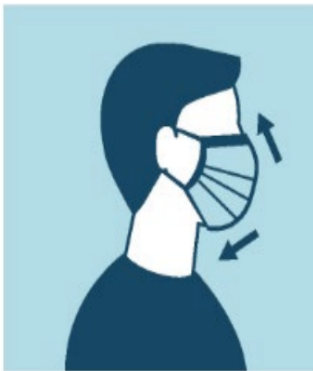
What is a “face covering”?

A “face covering” must cover the nose and mouth completely, and can include a paper or disposable face mask, a cloth face mask, a scarf, a bandanna, a neck gaiter, or a religious face covering. The mask can be made from a variety of materials.

CDC Recommended	Face coverings not approved for use
Surgical Masks	Masks that do not fit (large gaps, too loose, too tight)
Mask fits properly (snug around the nose/chin - no large gaps)	Masks made from materials that are hard to breathe through.
Masks made with breathable fabric	Masks made from a fabric that is loosely woven, knitted, mesh or see through
Masks made of tightly woven fabric	Masks with one layer
Masks with two to three layers	Mask with exhalation valves/vents
Masks with inner filter pockets	Wearing a scarf or ski mask

Schools are discouraged from using medical grade masks. Employees who are requesting to use an N-95 Mask will be required to complete the following form: [Voluntary Respirator Use Acknowledgement](#).

How do I wear a mask or face covering?



When putting a mask or face-covering on:

- Ensure it is properly laundered prior to each use;
- If desired, insert a filtering-medium into the pocket (optional);
- Properly position over your mouth and nose and secure it;
- Adjust the metal nose-band, if provided; and
- Wash your hands after the face-covering is secured

When taking a mask or face-covering off:

- Avoid touching your mouth, nose and eyes;
- Remove and dispose of the filter, if used; and
- Immediately launder the mask after each use.

Wearing a mask enhances the effectiveness of other measures like physical distancing, handwashing and staying home when ill, it does not negate or diminish their use. It is important to wear your face covering whenever lip visibility is not crucial to classroom learning. [CDC: Guide to Masks](#)

Can students and staff wear face shields instead of face coverings?

Face shields are not as effective as face coverings in preventing the spread of COVID-19. Students and staff have flexibility to wear face shields instead of recommended face coverings to allow visibility of facial expressions and lip movements for speech perception, in specific situations. These situations include:

- For students in kindergarten through grade 8 when wearing a face covering is otherwise problematic for the student, such as students who are unable to tolerate a face covering due to a developmental, behavioral, or medical condition documented by the IEP team or medical provider.
- Teachers of all grades when a face covering would impede the educational process.
- Staff providing direct support student services when a face covering would interfere with the services provided.

Bus drivers may not use face shields while driving per state and federal safety regulations.

Do I have to wear my mask outdoors?

Masks are strongly recommended outdoors when it is not possible to maintain social distancing, but are not required.

Who should not have to wear face coverings if face coverings are required?

- Children under age 2 years must not wear face coverings.
- Persons who have medical or other health conditions, disabilities or mental health, developmental, or behavioral needs that make it difficult to tolerate wearing a face covering.
 - Staff requests for accommodation must be made to the Human Resources office.
 - Students requiring accommodation should contact Health Services at healthservices@moorheadschoools.org
- Any person who has trouble breathing, is unconscious, sleeping, incapacitated, or is otherwise unable to remove the face covering without assistance.
- Persons at their workplace when wearing a face covering would create a safety hazard to the person or others as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines.

When can I remove my face covering when a face covering is required?

In the event that face coverings are required, the district will follow MDH and CDC recommendations regarding when a face covering may be removed. Individuals may temporarily remove their masks when alone in these circumstances:

- Alone at an office space, classroom, vehicle or workspace who do not have person-to-person interaction;
- Communal work spaces (desks or cubicles) that have barriers such as plexiglass or a wall between employees that are above face level;
- While eating or drinking;
- Activities involving , public speaking, or playing musical instruments;
- Receiving a service that cannot be performed with a mask, including , medical or personal care services.

Will the district provide face coverings?

- Face coverings will be available at buildings and on district transportation upon request or if a student or staff does not have a face covering.
- The district will have disposable face coverings available for visitors upon request.

Resources

[CDC: Schools and Childcare Programs](#)

[CDC Your Guide to Using Masks](#)

[CDC: Use of Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19](#)

[CDC: Guidance for Fully Vaccinated People](#)

[MDH Recommendations for Wearing Masks](#)

[MDH Mask Do's and Don'ts](#)

[MDH Videos for COVID-19 Response](#) (for other languages)

[MDH: Protect Yourself and Others](#)

