

*School District of Florence County  
Policy JFCA  
Administrative Rule*

**Face Coverings During Pandemic**

On November 20, 2020, Governor Evers issued a statewide executive order requiring use of face coverings (masks) when indoors through January 18, 2021. Governor Evers' order is an "individual mandate" for individuals within the state of Wisconsin to adhere to.

Independent of and separate from the Governor's order, the School District of Florence County **requires** students enrolled at the School District of Florence County to wear a face covering upon entering and remaining in the district's facilities. The School District of Florence County recognizes appropriate and consistent use of masks may be challenging for some students.

- Students age 2-4 will not be required to wear masks, but are encouraged to do so when social distancing cannot be maintained.
- Students age 5 and older will be required to wear masks, **when social distancing cannot be maintained**, and outside of the following circumstances:
  - While eating or drinking
  - While giving speeches or presentations in class as part of an assigned project, provided that sufficient distance is maintained between the speaker and other persons in the room (at least 6 feet)
  - When communicating with an individual who is deaf or hard of hearing, and communication cannot be achieved through other means.
  - When engaging in work where wearing a face covering would create a risk to the individual, as determined by government safety guidelines.
  - When necessary to confirm the individual's identity
  - Individuals who have trouble breathing (mask breaks provided when needed)
  - Individuals with medical conditions, intellectual or developmental disabilities, mental health conditions, or other sensory sensitivities that prevent the individual from wearing a face covering as documented, but not limited solely to an IEP or 504 Plan

**If a child has a medical condition that could prevent him/her from wearing a mask at school, a parent/guardian will need to complete the District's "Student Face Covering Exemption Request." School Administration may request and utilize medical documentation/certification in making final decisions as to whether a student is to be exempt or not from wearing a face covering during the instructional day, on school provided transportation or any other school-sponsored event or activity.**

This document is required to be submitted with the student's respective principal's office.

***This rule will sunset upon conclusion of the last instructional day of the 2020-2021 school year.***

**Revised:** December 7, 2020

**Approved:** August 27, 2020