

**REQUEST FOR WAIVER UNDER FACE COVERINGS / MASK POLICY**  
**FOR STUDENTS**  
**DEER PARK COMMUNITY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Building Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade / Class: \_\_\_\_\_

The Face Covering / Mask Policy adopted by the Deer Park School District, is attached to this document for review.

Exceptions to this Face Covering / Mask Policy may be made under certain conditions (e.g. to accommodate federally protected rights). As a parent/guardian or 18-year-old student, a Request for a Waiver can be submitted to building principals, and will be considered by the District upon a meeting and discussion with the District staff.

**Answer the following questions in submitting your Request:**

Does the student have a current IEP?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the student have a current 504 plan?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the student have a physical condition that would prevent him/her from wearing a face covering / mask?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the student have a mental condition that would prevent him/her from wearing a face covering / mask?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the student have a developmental condition that would prevent him/her from wearing a face covering / mask?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the student have another disability / health condition that would prevent him/her from wearing a face covering / mask?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If the reason for requesting this waiver is not listed above, please explain your request here:		
<p>With this form, please provide medical and/or supporting documentation so that it may be appropriately considered by the District.</p> <p>For students who have a medical exemption from face coverings, the school will request a physician note indicating the student should be exempt (without identifying the medical diagnosis).</p>		

The safety of our students, employees, and community is paramount. If a mask waiver is provided, other options may be considered as a form of accommodation that could be required for the student (ex. online education, face shields, plastic dividers, designated seat location, etc.).

Name of Requesting Parent/Guardian  
(or student if 18 or older): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Requesting Parent/Guardian  
(or student if 18 or older): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Office Use Only  
Received by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting to Discuss Request Held on: \_\_\_\_\_

Decision of Team Regarding the Request: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Date Decision Provided to Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

## Current Ohio Department of Health Mask Order: August 13, 2020



Mike DeWine, Governor  
Jon Husted, Lt. Governor

Lance D. Himes, Interim Director

### **DIRECTOR'S ORDER**

#### **Re: Director's Order Requiring the Use of Facial Coverings in Child Education Settings**

I, Lance D. Himes, Interim Director of the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), pursuant to the authority granted to me in R.C. 3701.13 to "make special orders...for preventing the spread of contagious or infectious diseases" **Order** the following to prevent the spread of COVID-19 into the State of Ohio:

1. **Facial Coverings (Masks).** Except as provided herein, all students, faculty, and staff in any child care setting, school building, or other location that provides care or education to any child in kindergarten through grade twelve in the State of Ohio shall wear facial coverings at all times when:
  - a. In any indoor location including, but not limited to, classrooms, gymnasiums, offices, locker rooms, hallways, cafeteria, and/or locker bays;
  - b. Outdoors on school property and unable to consistently maintain a distance of six feet or more from individuals who are not members of their household;
  - c. Waiting for a school bus outdoors and unable to maintain a distance of six feet or more from individuals who are not members of their household; or
  - d. Riding a school bus.

For purposes of this Order, a facial covering (mask) is any material that covers an individual's nose, mouth and chin.

2. **Exemptions.** The requirement to wear a facial covering does not apply when:
  - a. The individual has a medical condition including respiratory conditions that restricts breathing, mental health conditions, or a disability that contraindicates the wearing of a facial covering; or
  - b. The individual is communicating or seeking to communicate with someone who is hearing impaired or has another disability, where an accommodation is appropriate or necessary;
  - c. The individual is actively participating in outdoor recess and/or physical activity where students are able to maintain a distance of six feet or more or athletic practice, scrimmage, or competition that is permitted under a separate Department of Health Order;
  - d. The individual is seated and actively consuming food or beverage;
  - e. Where students and staff can maintain distancing of at least six feet and removal of the facial covering is necessary for instructional purposes, including instruction in foreign language, English language for non-native speakers, and other subjects where wearing a

facial covering would prohibit participation in normal classroom activities, such as playing an instrument;

- f. Students are able to maintain a distance of six feet or more and a mask break is deemed necessary by the educator supervising the educational setting;
  - g. The individual is alone in an enclosed space, such as an office; or
  - h. When an established sincerely held religious requirement exists that does not permit a facial covering.
3. **Duration:** This Order shall be effective at 12:01 a.m. on August 14, 2020 and remains in full force and effect until the State of Emergency declared by the Governor no longer exists or the Director of the Ohio Department of Health rescinds or modifies this Order, whichever occurs sooner.
4. **Conflicting Orders:** The requirements of this Order are controlling and effective over any conflicting provisions of the “Director’s Order for Facial Coverings throughout the State of Ohio”, issued on July 23, 2020.

Accordingly, I hereby **ORDER** that all persons wear facial coverings subject to the circumstances and requirements of this Order. This Director’s Order shall remain in full force and effect until the State of Emergency declared by the Governor no longer exists, or the Director of the Ohio Department of Health rescinds or modifies this Order. To the extent any public official enforcing this Director’s Order has questions regarding the effect of this Addendum to the Director’s Order, the Director of Health hereby delegates to local health departments the authority to answer questions in writing and consistent with this Order.

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Lance D. Himes  
Interim Director of Health

August 13, 2020