



## CUSD FACE COVERING POLICY

As directed by the Governor's Executive Order on July 23, 2020, using the recommendations from the CDC, and policy provided by the Arizona School Board Association (ASBA), CUSD has developed the following policy for face coverings for staff and students.

COVID-19 can be spread to others even if you do not feel sick. **A cloth face covering helps prevent a person who is sick from spreading the virus to others.** Appropriate and consistent use of cloth face coverings is most important when students, teachers, and staff are indoors and when social distancing of at least 6 feet is difficult to implement or maintain.

**ALL persons, including, but not limited to, staff, students, vendors, visitors, and volunteers, shall wear a cloth face covering:**

- On District vehicles including school buses;
- On any District property or facility including:
  - In classrooms when social distancing of at least six (6) feet is not possible or difficult to maintain;
  - In hallways or during transitions between classes;
  - In locker rooms or restrooms;
  - In the nurse's office, counseling/guidance offices, and administrative offices;
  - At District events, whether indoors or outdoor

**Cloth face coverings may also be considered but are not required:**

- During recess outdoors;
- During physical education classes in large open areas or outdoors where social distancing can be maintained;
- During breakfast and/or lunch while students are actively eating or drinking.

### **GUIDELINES**

- CUSD will provide two (2) cloth face coverings for each student and three (3) for each staff member.
  - Teaching staff will also receive a face shield that can be used in conjunction with a cloth face covering.
- Staff and students are responsible for bringing their face covering to school each day and to maintain its cleanliness.
  - Face coverings should be laundered regularly, and it is recommended to wash every day of use and/or before being used again.
  - Washing by hand with detergent and leaving it to air dry (outside is best) or placing in the washer and dryer are both acceptable procedures for keeping a face covering clean.
- Staff and students should thoroughly wash their hands before and after putting on and taking off their face covering, and should not touch their eyes, nose, or mouth when taking it off.

- A student's face covering should be clearly identified with the names or initials. Coverings may also be labeled to indicate top/bottom and front/back.
- Face coverings should fit snugly but comfortably and allow for breathing without restriction. They should cover the chin, mouth and nose and be secured with ties or ear loops.
- Cloth face coverings are to remain affixed in place without the use of one's hands and are to not have holes. They are to be laundered regularly or disposed of appropriately.
- Students and staff should avoid touching the part of the face mask/covering that covers the nose and mouth. Only make contact with the sides of the mask, straps, or ties when putting on, taking off, or adjusting the mask.
- Do not use a face mask/covering if it is wet because it may make it difficult to breathe.
- Masks should be stored in a breathable container, such as a paper bag.
- Please review these CDC recommendations for use of face coverings, and for instructions on making your own, if you wish: [cdc.gov/diy-cloth-face-coverings](https://www.cdc.gov/diy-cloth-face-coverings).

## CONSIDERATIONS

CUSD recognizes that wearing a cloth face covering may not be possible in every situation or for some people. In some situations, wearing a cloth face covering may cause a serious medical condition or may not be appropriate for some students with sensory or tactile sensitivities. Cloth face coverings should not be worn by:

1. Children under the age of 2;
2. Anyone who has trouble breathing;
3. Anyone who is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

The Superintendent may make exceptions to the requirement to wear a cloth face covering while keeping in mind the health and safety of everyone involved. Adaptations and alternatives will be considered with appropriate medical documentation.