



SAU 19 Goffstown and New Boston School Districts Face Coverings/Mask Requirements

SAU 19 supports the following mandatory measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19:

- the wearing of cloth masks at all times (in classrooms, bathrooms, during transitions in the hallways, entering/exiting the building, etc.)
- following the established traffic flow patterns in each school
- consistent practice of physical (social) distancing (6 ft or more)
- following the established personal and school sanitization protocols

Specific to mandatory mask requirements, face coverings/masks will be required for all students, staff and visitors, unless legitimate IEP and documentation for physical accommodations are provided. Face shields and gators (neck coverings that can be pulled onto the face) are not allowed.

Families who object to the requirements for wearing face coverings/masks should consider the Alternative Remote Learning Plan as an option.

All SAU 19 students and all staff will be required to wear face coverings/masks at all times during school hours with the following considerations:

- School bus: boarding, riding (the entire time), exiting and walking to the classroom
- Parent/Guardian transportation onto the school grounds: when exiting the vehicle and walking to the classroom
- Students in Preschool, Kindergarten and Grade 1 will be provided with developmentally appropriate encouragement, instruction and, if needed, hands-on support for wearing face coverings/masks consistently while in school. Parents/Guardians may be contacted to provide additional support or if the student's choice or behavior results in the need for more formal measures.
- Students in Grades 2-12 will also be provided with developmentally appropriate encouragement and support while also being held more formally accountable to District and school specific requirements (see school handbook).
- Face coverings/masks will need to be removed for nutrition (snack/lunch) and hydration breaks. Students are to maintain a social distance of 6 feet or more.
- Outdoor activities may provide a natural time for face covering/mask breaks when the 6 feet of social distancing can be consistently maintained.
- Face coverings/masks are required during recess/active play when social distancing may be less than 6 feet.
- When students are physically distanced 6 feet or more, at the discretion of a supervisory faculty member, a mask break may be provided. This mask break may both be initiated by the faculty member and/or in response to a student's request.

Please note: These requirements are subject to change.

For additional information on face coverings/masks, refer to Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-guidance.html#feasibility-a-daptations>