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MADISON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

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Dear MCPS,

In light of [Governor Northam's Amended Executive Order 63 \(2020\)](#) regarding the requirement to wear face coverings while inside buildings, we have updated our [MCPS Health Mitigation Plan](#). All staff and students are required to wear face coverings at all times with certain exceptions. I have included the revised section regarding the wearing of face-coverings and exceptions below.

We continue to monitor the spread of COVID-19 in our region and community. Due to the pandemic, there is a possibility that we may need to move to 100% distance learning at any time. We have been very fortunate as a division to be able to provide in-person instruction for the past eleven weeks. Thank you for closely following the physical distancing, hand washing/sanitizing, and face-covering guidelines. If you need additional supplies to support your following of the guidelines, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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Promoting behaviors that reduce the spread of COVID-19

Face coverings will be provided and required among all staff and students to wear at all times except for participating in physical activity (when 10 feet apart), eating, and taking short, periodic mask breaks. All staff, students, and stakeholders will be educated on the importance of staying home when sick and maintaining physical distancing practices. Modeling and skill-practicing will be used to ensure that staff and students understand and practice these preventative behaviors. Verbal wellness screenings will provide opportunities to counsel individuals on the importance of personal hygiene and specific techniques to stay safe.

Governor's Order:

<https://www.governor.virginia.gov/media/governorvirginiagov/executive-actions/EO-63-AMENDED-and-Order-Of-Public-Health-Emergency-Five---Requirement-To-Wear-Face-Covering-While-Inside-Buildings.pdf>

- Face coverings for Staff:
 - All staff members must wear a face covering at all times except when they are eating or alone in their classroom or office.

- Face Coverings for Students:
 - Students must wear face coverings on the bus. Siblings will be allowed to sit together.
 - Students will be required to wear a face-covering at all times while at school.
 - Exceptions to the face coverings mandate for students:
 - During recess or PE (where distancing requirements will be 10ft);
 - while eating lunch or snacks;
 - if playing an instrument (if 10 ft apart); and
 - during periodic mask breaks.
 - Students will not be required to wear a face-covering for an extended period. School staff will provide opportunities for periodic mask breaks.
 - Families with vulnerable students need to talk to their family doctor to ensure a return to in-person learning at school is in the student's best interest.

Resources:

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>
- <https://rwjms.rutgers.edu/boggscenter/Links/documents/ParentGuide-HelpingYourChildWearaFaceMask-F.pdf>
- <https://rwjms.rutgers.edu/boggscenter/Links/documents/ICanStayHealthybyWearingaFaceMask-F.PDF>
- <https://rwjms.rutgers.edu/boggscenter/Links/documents/HelpyourChildFeelGoodaboutUsingandSeeingOthersWearingFaceMasks-F.PDF>