



Guidance on the Use of Face Coverings

State Mask Order Summary

- The SDMA will be following the WI Governor's [Emergency Order #1](#) mandating the use of face coverings (Masks) within the SDMA.
- “Face covering” means a piece of cloth or other material that is worn to cover the nose and mouth completely. A “face covering” includes but is not limited to a bandana, a cloth face mask, a disposable or paper mask, a neck gaiter, or a religious face covering. A “face covering” does not include face shields, mesh masks, masks with holes or openings, or masks with vents.

Expectations for Wearing Face Coverings (Masks) use Within the SDMA

- Face coverings are to be used at all grade levels (4K-Grade 12) by all students, staff, and visitors when indoors (excluding while eating lunch or snack).
- Face coverings are strongly recommended in all other school settings (eg. early childhood), including outdoors when it is not possible to maintain physical distancing.
- Face coverings are required at all grade levels (4K-Grade 12) on buses.
- Visitors to any SDMA facilities are required to wear a face covering unless reasonable accommodations have been prearranged.
- Anyone refusing to wear face coverings as expected will be subject to school disciplinary action.

Providing Face Coverings for School Use

- Families are encouraged to have a cloth face covering for each child for each day of the week.
- All students and staff will be provided a reusable cloth face covering on the first day of school.
- Disposable face coverings will be available at all school buildings and on all school buses.
- Some schools/departments may provide daily laundry services for reusable cloth face coverings.

How to Wear Face Coverings (Masks)

- Infographic - [How to Use Reusable Face Coverings](#).
- Wash your hands before putting on your face coverings.
- Use ear bands/ties to put on and remove your face coverings.
- Put it over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin.
- Try to fit it snugly against the sides of your face.
- Make sure you can breathe easily.
- Both the mouth and nose are to remain covered while face coverings are worn.
- The CDC does not recommend use of masks or cloth masks for source control if they have an exhalation valve or vent.
- It is recommended that face coverings be washed between each daily use.

Exceptions from the Required Use of Face Coverings (Masks) in the SDMA

- Reasonable accommodations will be provided for students, staff and visitors with approved medically documented reasons for not wearing a face covering. Accommodations must be pre-arranged prior to entering any SDMA facility.