



Livingston Classical Academy 2021/2022 Face Mask FAQ

Q: Where can I find the order from the Washtenaw County Health Department?

A: The order can be found at [HERE](#).

Q: How is a face mask defined?

A: Face mask means a tightly woven cloth or other multilayer absorbent material that closely covers an individual's mouth and nose. Medical or surgical grade masks are included within this definition.

Q: What if my child arrives at school without a mask?

A: A member of the school's team will provide a disposable mask for your student. The mask must be properly worn before they may enter the school building.

Q: Can parents, visitors, or volunteers enter school without a mask?

A: No. The order clearly states that all persons in Educational Settings, regardless of vaccination status, must properly and consistently wear a face mask while inside any enclosed building or structure of the institutions.

Q: May a face shield be worn in place of a face mask?

A: No. The CDC does not recommend the use of face shields as a substitute for cloth face masks. However, a face shield that covers the eyes, nose and mouth can be worn in addition to a cloth mask if desired.

Q: Can my student receive a medical excuse?

A: Persons who have a medical reason for non-compliance with this Order must have it confirmed in writing from a Medical Doctor (MD) or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) currently licensed to practice medicine in the State of Michigan.

Q: Will my child need to wear their mask during outdoor recess?

A: No. Students do not need to wear masks when they are outside of the school building.

Q: Where will my child be required to wear a mask?

A: Students and staff will be required to wear masks at all times while inside school property. Masks are not required when outdoors, or while actively eating or drinking.

Q: Why does my student have to wear a mask?

A: On Thursday, September 2, the Washtenaw County Health Department issued a Public Health Order with new requirements for schools. The board and administration has received counsel that this mandate carries the weight of law, and all schools in our county are required to follow its rules.

Q: When will this mandate be reevaluated?

A: The current mandate comes from the Washtenaw County Health Department's order issued on Thursday, September 2. The order states this mandate is in effect at 12:00 am on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 and remains in effect until community transmission for Washtenaw County is categorized as "Moderate" or lower according to the CDC's metrics by the for at least 14 consecutive days, or until further notice from the Washtenaw County Health Officer.

Q: What exclusions are included in the mandate?

A: The order states that it shall not apply to the following persons:

- Persons actively eating or drinking, swimming, or diving, or who are alone in a room.
- Persons under the age of four years; however, supervised masking is recommended for children who are at least two years of age.
- Persons with developmental conditions of any age attending school for whom it has been demonstrated that the use of a face mask would inhibit the person's access to education. This exception is limited to persons with an Individualized Education Plan, Section 504 Plan, Individualized Healthcare Plan, or equivalent.
- Fully Vaccinated staff working with children who are hard of hearing or students with developmental conditions who benefit from facial cues.
- Persons who have a medical reason for non-compliance with this Order confirmed in writing from a Medical Doctor (MD) or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) currently licensed to practice medicine in the State of Michigan.