

SAFE WORK PROCEDURE

Face Mask Requirements COVID-19

<p>Location:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All LRSD Schools and Facilities 	<p>Date Created: August 16, 2020 Date Revised: December 10, 2020 Written By: Tara Baschuk, WSH Officer Approved By: Lisa Aitken, Assistant Superintendent</p>
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<p>Potential Hazards: Ensure application of Provincial Health guidelines for health and safety of employees during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	<p>Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) or Devices Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mask – reusable or medical grade dependant on work area 	<p>Additional Training Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
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Mask wearing is one of the many public health measures that can help reduce the transmission of COVID-19 in schools. While students in grades 4-12 and all staff are already following mask usage guidelines, we also encourage all students in Kindergarten to Grade 12 and staff to wear reusable masks at all times, indoors and outdoors.

The LRSD requires all staff who move across cohorts of students to wear a medical grade mask. Substitute staff will be required to wear a medical grade mask at all times while in the school.

A medical grade mask does not have to be replaced when crossing cohorts, however it must be replaced anytime it is removed or compromised.

Reusable masks should be worn when physical distancing of six feet (two meters) cannot be maintained.

In order for masks to be effective, they must be put on and removed properly.

DO'S

- Before putting on a mask, wash hands with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based sanitizer
- Inspect the mask for damage or dirt. Any disposable masks that meet these criteria should be discarded properly. If the mask is reusable, ensure it is cleaned or repaired prior to use.
- Apply the mask and adjust to your face without leaving gaps on the sides and ensuring to cover your mouth, nose and chin
- Avoid touching the mask while it is being worn
- If you need to remove your mask, wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based sanitizer
- Remove the mask by the straps behind your ears or head ensuring not to touch the front of the mask
- Pull the mask away from your face and dispose of it immediately into a garbage, or if reusable. into a ziplock bag or your personal backpack
- Wash your hands or apply alcohol-based sanitizer

DON'TS

- Do not use a mask that appears damaged or dirty
- Do not wear a loose mask
- Do not wear the mask under the nose

Guidance Documents / Standards / Applicable Legislation / Other:

- Government of Manitoba <https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/factsheets.html>
- Safe Work Manitoba [https://www.safemanitoba.com/News/Pages/Coronavirus-\(COVID-19\)-Update.aspx](https://www.safemanitoba.com/News/Pages/Coronavirus-(COVID-19)-Update.aspx)