

Mask Exemptions

Fresno Unified School District – Mask Requirements

- Video: <https://vimeo.com/445407286>
 - Opening Guide: <https://www.fresnounified.org/wp-content/uploads/FUSD-Comm-BackToSchool-Booklet-3.pdf>
 - Masks help stop the spread of COVID-19 to others. Face coverings will be required for everyone over the age of 2. Individuals with medical conditions can work with their school nurse, supervisor, or Human Resources if they are exempt. Additional information may be requested.
 - Masks should NOT be worn by:
 - Children younger than 2 years old
 - Anyone who has trouble breathing
 - Anyone who is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance
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Who may submit for a mask exemption?

- Anyone with a serious medical condition, intellectual and developmental disabilities, mental health conditions or other sensory sensitivities

How to submit for a mask exemption?

- Students shall consult with their licensed healthcare provider for advice about wearing masks**
 - Note from licensed healthcare provider is given to School Nurse prior to start**
 - School Nurse may coordinate with Site Team & Special Education for any accommodations**
 - School Nurse documents as health alert in Frontline that transfers to Atlas**
- Adaptations and alternatives should be considered whenever possible to increase the feasibility of wearing a mask or to reduce the risk of COVID-19 spreading if it is not possible to wear one.
- Considerations:
 - Wearing of masks may be prioritized at times when it is difficult to maintain a distance of 6 feet from others (e.g., during carpool drop off or pick up, or when standing in line at school, diapering)
 - Ensuring proper mask size and fit and providing children with masks if they don't have a mask
 - Reminders and education on the importance and proper wear of masks may help address these issues
- Mask Limitations – masks are a critical preventive measure and are most essential in times when physical distancing is difficult. If masks cannot be used, make sure to take other measures to reduce the risk of COVID-19 spread, including physical distancing, frequent hand washing, and cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces.

Fresno County Department of Public Health: *Adults and children two years of age and older with serious medical conditions including respiratory illnesses may be exempted from either the masking requirement or the face shield and drape requirement by a licensed health care provider who has included documentation in their medical record indicating the medical diagnosis that is the basis for their exemption(s).*