



CLINTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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Clinton Community Schools' Community

Use of Facemasks to Help Prevent the Spread of COVID-19

In accordance with the requirements of Executive Order 2020-142 and the Michigan Return to School Roadmap and to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, Clinton Community Schools has adopted the following face covering requirements for staff and students during the 2020-2021 school year.

Students and staff are strongly encouraged to provide their own properly sized, reusable, cloth facemask that is capable of being washed. Disposable facemasks will be provided for individual students and staff members who forget or are otherwise unable to provide their own facemask.

Facemasks must cover the individual's mouth and nose at all times.

In preparation for the school year, students and staff should become comfortable wearing a facemask and should familiarize themselves with proper techniques for placing and removing facemasks. This is especially important for younger students. Parents should have their children practice placing and removing the facemask from their face at home before the start of the school year.

The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has provided the following guidance related to wearing a facemask. For additional information, please visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-to-wear-cloth-face-coverings.html>.

Placing your Facemask

1. Wash your hands before putting on your mask
2. Put it over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin
3. Try to fit it snugly against the sides of your face
4. Make sure you can breathe easily

Removing your Facemask

1. Untie the strings behind your head or stretch the ear loops
2. Handle only by the ear loops or ties
3. Fold outside corners together
4. Place mask in the washing machine
5. Be careful not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth when removing and wash hands immediately after removing.

Washing your Facemask

Reusable, cloth facemasks must be washed between each daily use.

The following information was taken from the US CDC website:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-to-wash-cloth-face-coverings.html>.

Washing machine

1. You can include your mask with your regular laundry.
2. Use regular laundry detergent and the warmest appropriate water setting for the cloth used to make the mask.

Washing by Hand

1. Prepare a bleach solution by mixing:
5 tablespoons (1/3rd cup) household bleach per gallon of room temperature water or 4 teaspoons household bleach per quart of room temperature water

Check the label to see if your bleach is intended for disinfection. Some bleach products, such as those designed for safe use on colored clothing, may not be suitable for disinfection. Ensure the bleach product is not past its expiration date. Never mix household bleach with ammonia or any other cleanser.

2. Soak the mask in the bleach solution for 5 minutes.
3. Rinse thoroughly with cool or room temperature water.
4. Allow the mask to completely dry after washing.

Drying your Facemask

Dryer

Use the highest heat setting and leave in the dryer until completely dry.

Air dry

Lay flat and allow to completely dry. If possible, place the mask in direct sunlight.

School Bus

All students and staff are required to wear a facemask at all times while on a school bus or in another Clinton Community Schools' vehicle. In some instances, drivers may be allowed to wear a clear face shield as opposed to a facemask, if it is determined that the use of a facemask will make operation of the vehicle unsafe.

Hallways, Restrooms, Libraries, Offices, and Other Common Areas

All students and staff are required to wear a facemask at all times within all common areas of Clinton Community Schools' ("CCS") buildings, and within non-CCS buildings while participating in a CCS-sponsored educational program or activity. Common areas include, but are not necessarily limited to, all hallways, restrooms, school offices, and libraries.

Classrooms

District staff must wear a facemask at all times while present within the classroom.

Students in grades 6th – 12th must wear a facemask while in the classroom, laboratory, and/or other instructional areas.

Pre K – 5th grade students and older students for whom a facemask is not developmentally appropriate based upon the student's disability are not required to wear a facemask while in the classroom and/or laboratory, but may, provided that the student is comfortable wearing the mask and is capable of putting on and taking off the mask themselves.

Outside

District staff must wear a facemask at all times, including while outside. District students are not required to wear facemasks when outside, provided that the students can remain at least six feet apart from one another. If students are unable to maintain safe distancing of at least six feet while outside, facemasks must be worn.

Meals

No individual is required to wear a facemask while eating a meal.

Medical Exemption

Clinton Community Schools understands that some students and staff may be medically unable to wear a facemask that covers his or her mouth and nose. To receive a medical exemption to the requirement to wear a facemask, students and staff members must provide the school with written documentation from a healthcare provider (whose scope of practice allows them to make that determination) describing why the student or staff member is medically unable to wear a facemask. A facemask medical exemption form is available by contacting your student's school.

Disciplinary Action

Students and staff who fail to wear a facemask in accordance with these requirements may be subject to disciplinary action.

If you have any questions about the facemask requirements described in this communication, please contact your child's school or, if you are District employee, your supervisor.

For additional information about the District's Return to Learn Plans for the 2020-2021 school year, please visit the District's website at <https://miClintonSchools.org/>.

Thank you for your cooperation as we work to keep our students and staff safe and healthy, and to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Sincerely,

Jim Cracraft
Superintendent

