



2021-22 Mask Requirements For Students and Staff For COVID -19 Safety

For the health and safety of our students and staff, masks are required indoors on school property. Students and Staff are required to wear non-medical masks coverings indoors on school property and on school busses. Students may wear either a reusable or one-time use face mask.

This decision is informed by, and consistent with, the Ministry of Education and the City of Toronto requirements for use of face masks.

Parents and students should remember:

- To pack multiple snug and comfortable masks/face coverings each day.
- That schools will have extra masks on hand for those who forget.
- Remember to bring a breathable bag (paper or cloth) to store soiled masks, as well as a bag to store masks during outdoor breaks.
- That staff will ensure there are breaks throughout the school day to take a break from wearing masks/face coverings.

Proper Use of a Mask/Face Covering

- Do not share your mask/face covering with others.
- Wash your hands or use sanitizer before putting on and after taking off a mask/face covering.
- Place the mask/face covering over your nose, mouth, and chin.
- Avoid touching your face and mask/face covering while using it.
- Change your mask/face covering as soon as it is moist or dirty.
- For disposable masks/face coverings, after wearing for a day these masks/face coverings should be discarded and not used again.
- Do not leave your mask/face covering tucked under the chin, hanging from your ear, or on your forehead.
- Remove the mask/face covering by the ear loops without touching the front of the mask.
- For reusable cloth masks/face coverings, after use put in a plastic bag or directly in the laundry bin to be washed on a regular basis.
- Launder cloth masks/face coverings with other items.

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Types of Masks/Face Coverings

A good cloth mask or face covering should:

- Be at least two layers of tightly woven cotton or linen.
- Cover over nose, mouth, and chin, and be easy to breathe through.
- Fit securely to the head with ties or ear loops without gaping or impairing vision.
- Be comfortable to avoid the need for adjustments when wearing.
- Maintain their shape after washing and drying.
- Not contain non-breathable materials such as plastic.
- Masks must not contain valves

