



Aitkin Public Schools

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Face Covering Exemption Form

Students in grades K-12 who cannot tolerate a face mask or shield due to a developmental, medical, or behavior health condition may be exempt from wearing one at school.

An exemption form must be signed by a parent or guardian and medical authority. Medical Authority: a medical doctor, psychiatrist, clinical psychologist, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner (generally a person with legal authority to write prescriptions in Minnesota) We are coordinating our plan with Riverwood Health Care Center in Aitkin.

When people wear a face mask, this contains respiratory secretions, reducing the spread of droplets of potentially infected individuals to others. This decreases the possibility of unrecognized, or asymptomatic (no symptoms) COVID-19 infections, from infecting others.

There are limited conditions or reasons in which individuals would receive an exemption, or waiver, from wearing a mask/face cover. The following are situations/exemptions for which Riverwood Healthcare Center supports individuals not being required to wear a mask/face covering:

- Children age 5 and under
- Patients with severe mental health and developmental issues
- People unable to remove the mask/face covering on their own, or with severe coordination, or developmental issues
- Organizations in which workers wearing masks or face coverings would violate workplace safety rules
- People swimming, walking, hiking, biking, running, or doing other outdoor activities where they are 6 feet from others

Considerations for alternatives and adaptations include: Deaf and hard of hearing individuals may need clear face coverings, adaptive technologies, or lowering of the masks for lip reading and communication.

Student Information			
Student Last name	Student First Name	Date of Birth	Grade
Home Address	City	State	Zip Code
Parent Guardian Printed Name		Parent Guardian Signature	
Date		School Building (circle one)	
		High School	Rippleside

Medical Authority			
Medical Authority Printed Name		Medical Authority Signature	
Office/Clinic Address		Office/Clinic Phone	
Choose Option A or B below:			
A. Can a face shield be worn instead of a mask?		B. Is a medial exemption required, no mask or face shield?	
Yes	No	Yes	No
List the medical reason an exemption for face mask and or shield is warranted			

Principal or Designee will add exemption status to Infinite Campus.