

Masada's Face Coverings Policy

In Executive Order 2020-51, Governor Ducey instructed all public schools to develop and implement policies for face coverings for all staff and students over the age of 5 to be in effect until the AZDHS determines they are no longer required. Policies "shall include exceptions for when children can be socially distanced, or when a doctor's note is presented."

It is the policy of Masada Charter School that all students and staff over the age of five shall wear cloth face coverings when they cannot be socially distanced. Staff and Students will wear their face covering when they are involved in activities that bring them into close proximity with each other. As per the Executive Order, all students shall have time during the school day when they get breaks from the face coverings to breathe freely. They will not be required to wear them when they are outside or on the playground.

The Governing Board will delegate the responsibility of enforcing this policy to the Administration. The Administration will work with the classroom teachers with classroom enforcement. Teachers will decide when it is necessary for students to have their face coverings up or when they can have a break from them.

Students can be exempted from this policy when a doctor's note is presented explaining a health condition or presence of antibodies.

This policy shall be in effect until the AZDHS determines face coverings are no longer required.

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Dear Parents,

We know many of you are concerned about a requirement for students to wear face coverings to school. We understand your concerns, and we also have concerns of our own. On July 23rd, Governor Ducey signed a new Executive Order. This order instructed all public schools to develop and implement policies for face coverings for all staff and students over the age of 5. This policy must be in effect until the AZDHS determines they are no longer required. The Governor stated that policies “shall include exceptions for when children can be socially distanced, or when a doctor’s note is presented.”

In accordance with this Executive Order, Masada has adopted a Face Covering Policy. We must abide by the law and it is our desire to serve the students who are entrusted into our care. At Masada, all staff and students shall bring a cloth face covering to school to wear when they are in close proximity with others and cannot be socially distance. Children with medical conditions will be allowed an exemption from this policy upon receipt of a doctor’s note to the school. Teachers will make the decisions about when it is necessary for the children to lift the face coverings up and/or to lower them. As stated in the Executive Order, we will ensure that all students have breaks from the face coverings to breathe freely. Students will not be required to wear them outside or on the playground.

We recommend parents purchase a face covering for their child in case the need arises to use them during the school year. We recommend a face covering that can hang around the neck to help students keep them upon their persons during the day. Face coverings can be any color or design; parents can be creative and have fun with this. Please DO NOT purchase coverings with writing/messages on them. These face coverings will need to be washed daily so we recommend parents purchase several per child.

We welcome your call to engage in conversation with us about this policy.

We are excited about this school year. We believe we will have a wonderful time in learning experiences with our students. And again, we deeply appreciate the support we receive from you.

In partnership with you,

The Administrative Team