

Forsyth R-III School District Facial Covering Protocols

Our primary goal is to provide a safe and healthy environment for our students, staff and community. Our efforts have been defined based on recommendations of state and local health departments and the CDC. Guidance will evolve as new information and recommendations become available.

- A facial covering is considered a device that covers the nose and mouth. A disposable mask, a cloth mask, a shield, or gator are all considered appropriate facial coverings. Any facial coverings worn should only depict school appropriate content.
- All Forsyth students grades 5-12 are required to wear a facial covering.
- All Forsyth staff are required to wear a facial covering.
- All students and staff will be required to wear a facial covering when riding a school bus.
- Students PreK-4 are strongly encouraged to wear a facial covering, especially when they're not able to maintain proper social distance.
- Disposable masks will be provided upon request for both students and staff members.
- Facial coverings are **NOT required** when at recess, P.E., meal time, or anytime that students are able to properly social distance.
- If a student or staff member has a documented **health condition** that inhibits them from wearing a facial covering, they should notify their Principal or Supervisor.
- All visitors and spectators 5th grade and older are required to wear a facial covering at district events.

These protocols may change at anytime under the guidance of our local health

department.