

## Face Coverings

This policy applies to all NE Dubois School Corporation School Buildings at all times during school hours.

- For athletics, please refer to the athletic handbook.

Face-covering is defined as a reusable cloth mask, disposable mask, school-approved clear face shield, N95 mask, gaiter or any other device that covers the nose and mouth. Masks with 1-way valves that only provide protection to the wearer are prohibited.

Recognizing the significant change this represents, and the short time until school starts, NE Dubois School Corporation shall accept reasonable accommodation requests without supporting medical documentation for the start of school. This will allow sufficient time to schedule an appointment with a medical provider and produce supporting documentation. By September 1st any reasonable accommodations not supported by medical documentation will be rescinded.

**Staff & Students (during the school day): These measures are required because social distancing cannot be obtained.**

1. Face-covering required on the school bus. Riding a bus is not a requirement of the school corporation. Use the three strike approach. Student refuses/strike one, parents are called to support face-covering wearing. Student refuses a 2<sup>nd</sup> time/strike two, parent called to support face-covering wearing. Student refuses to wear face-covering a 3<sup>rd</sup> time/ student will not be allowed to ride bus for remainder of the semester.
2. Face-covering is required when entering the building at the start of the day (required outside from bus to building); when in transit within the building (passing periods, restroom breaks, on the way to lunch, etc.); and when exiting the building at the end of the day (required outside from building to bus or vehicle).
3. Face-covering is recommended when in class. Teachers have the discretion to mandate face-covering be worn within their own classrooms. Masks are required of students who travel to another building.
4. Face-covering required inside any non-classroom shared space within the buildings (restrooms, locker rooms, offices, etc.).
5. Face-covering are not required outside, but social distancing (6 feet minimum) shall be enforced.
6. If face-coverings are required in an elementary classroom, teacher will provide opportunities to unmask and take breaks if necessary for unmasking.
7. Students should be given access to outdoor time at intervals throughout the day as a face-covering break.

### Visitors:

1. Face-covering required at all times (before, during, or after school hours) within all Northeast Dubois School buildings and buses while school is in session or for school sponsored events.
2. Students and staff are considered visitors if they are attending an after school activity they are not an active participant in.