







Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ): Face Coverings

Are face coverings required?

Consistent and correct use of face masks, by ALL students, teachers, and staff is REQUIRED at Yellow Springs schools. Masks are REQUIRED in all classroom and non-classroom settings, including hallways, school offices, restrooms, gyms, auditoriums, etc. The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) has newly revised face-covering [guidelines](#), and recommends double-masking. The following mask types are considered “double-masks:”

<p>A disposable mask under a cloth mask.</p>		<p>A single KN95 mask.</p>	
<p>A single 3-ply disposable or 3-ply cloth mask paired with a “mask fitter” worn over the mask to ensure proper and snug fit.</p>		<p>A single 2-ply high-efficiency fiber material mask with an inserted filter.</p>	

Any masks with exhalation valves or vents, or made from a see-through material, or are loose or fit improperly, are not permitted. Gaiters do not qualify as an appropriate mask.

How will you ensure students and adults follow masking requirements?

For students, refusal to wear a face-covering would be considered a Covid Safety Violation in our approved Code of Conduct, and would be handled accordingly. Students will be instructed on proper mask-wearing (e.g. masks must cover both the nose and the mouth). For adults, face coverings are required as a condition of employment.

Are there exceptions to the face covering requirement?

Exceptions to the mask requirement will be narrow, and will be made by the superintendent in consultation with Greene County Public Health, as there may be unique circumstances where this is not feasible or medically recommended.