

Appomattox County Public Schools Face Covering Protocol

Appomattox County Public Schools has included the use of face coverings as a health mitigation strategy for in person learning. Face coverings provided by ACPS, those with the division's "A" logo or the Raider mascot, a solid color with no writing, or a clear face shield are encouraged. All face coverings should be appropriate for the school setting as with any dress code requirement. Students shall not alter the face covering in any way; if a mask is not working properly for a student, the student and/or the student's parents shall notify staff of the issue, who will then make any necessary adjustments.

Visitors

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Appomattox County Public Schools will not allow visitation of the school buildings. Parents entering the building to drop off or pick up their student must wear a face covering at all times.

Staff:

All staff members must wear, in a proper manner consistent with CDC guidelines, a face covering and/or face shield:

- When they are within 6 feet of students and other staff members
- When traveling through hallways, commons areas, restrooms, or between classrooms
- When entering and exiting the school

Students

All students must wear, in a proper manner consistent with CDC guidelines, a face covering/face shield:

- While loading, unloading, and riding on the school bus
- While entering and exiting the school
- When traveling through hallways, commons areas, restrooms, or between classrooms
- When in class if within six feet from another student or staff

Students will not be required to wear, in a proper manner consistent with CDC guidelines, a face covering:

- When working independently at their desk (Put on when close to teacher)
- During recess or PE (where distancing requirements will be at least 10 ft)
- While eating lunch and/or snack

These exceptions only apply as long as social distancing is observed.

Other considerations

- ACPS will provide a face covering for students and staff.
- Parents are responsible for keeping students face coverings clean and ensuring students are wearing them, in a proper manner consistent with CDC guidelines, when they leave home each morning.
- If a face covering is forgotten, a disposable mask will be provided for the day.

- Students unable to wear a face covering, for a documented medical reason, will be kept at least 6 feet away from other students and staff members to the extent possible.
- Families with vulnerable students should consult their Health Care Provider to ensure their student is safe to return to in-person learning.

Students who refuse to comply with this policy will be placed into remote learning.