
November 25th, 2020 Jefferson County Health Center DBA Jefferson County Health Department (JCHD) and the Jefferson County Executive’s office passed a county order requiring individuals 10 years old and above to wear a clean face mask any time they are, or will be, in contact with other people in public indoor spaces, who are not household members. https://static1.squarespace.com/static/57f035cc9f745646c52342b9/t/5fbee8357acac6192aab3c05/1606346816526/Jefferson+County+Health+Order+No.+20-11-25-01.pdf

Schools should follow the order requiring individuals who are over the age of 10 to wear a mask when they are in contact with individuals outside of their household. Exclusion categories include (Order page 6 line 7): When an individual has a medical condition, mental health condition or disability that prevents wearing a face mask.

Type of Mask:
JCHD recommend schools follow CDC guidance for appropriate mask selection, wearing, guidance and cleaning. The mask wearer should follow CDC and DHSS guidance regarding masks including, but not limited to the following:

- CDC does not recommend the use of face shields alone. Face shields can be worn when an individual meets the exclusion category.
- CDC does not recommend the use of a single layer gator. (appropriate gators consist of two layers)
- Wear masks with two or more layers to stop the spread of COVID-19
- Wear the mask over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin
- Do NOT wear masks intended for healthcare workers, for example, N95 respirators


Mask Education:
Jefferson County Health Department encourages all schools offer appropriate mask education to students, staff and families. Mask Education and appropriate types of masks can be found at the CDC website: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html or JCHD Health Education staff can offer virtual training options for staff and administration.

Face Coverings for Sports:
Per the November 25th Jefferson County Order exclusion number 3, masks can be removed while engaged in a sporting activity, exercising outdoors or while exercising indoors when able to maintain a distance of at least six feet. Exercising could include physical education activities where social distancing can be maintained. Masks should be worn by coaches, sports staff, officials, and spectators.