

St. Martin of Tours School

2020-2021 RE-OPENING PLAN

FACE COVERINGS POLICY

Wearing face coverings is especially important during times of elevated community spread, particularly when social distancing is not possible.

School Staff:

School staff must wear face coverings unless it is unsafe to do so OR where doing so would significantly interfere with the learning process.

Exceptions include when not advisable for health reasons or when a staff member is working alone.

Students:

Grades K-8: Per the Governor's orders, masks will be required at ALL times for ALL students.

Exceptions include when not advisable for health reasons or for developmental reasons (DOCTOR'S NOTE IS REQUIRED).

Visitors:

ALL visitors must wear face coverings unless it is unsafe to do so.

Excessive Heat:

We are all very aware that our campus has limited areas that are air conditioned. Unfortunately, purchasing and installing window air conditioning units is not an option. There will be days where it is hot in the school building. On those days, we will be even more aware of the students and give as many breaks as possible from face coverings during the day. We are purchasing clear desk shields for each student to utilize if they need a break from their face covering on hot days. We will also be able to use Fr. Mick Hall and other places that are air conditioned for breaks if need be.

Face Coverings Uniform Policy:

ALL students will need a clean face covering each day when they come to school (a spare would be a good idea as well). There are many different types of face coverings available for purchase - please remember that face coverings are expected to be school appropriate and not cause distractions. To best ensure this, here are some guidelines for face coverings:

- NO writing or sayings of any kind.
- NO inappropriate graphics or designs (fake mouths, fake lips, etc.).
- SIMPLE designs or patterns are permitted (tie dye, checker board pattern, solid color, etc.).

ALL masks are subject to staff approval. If a mask is deemed inappropriate, the student(s) will be given a face shield for the day and the mask should not be worn again. Repeated violations will be subject to the school Uniform Policy and Discipline Policy in the Family/Student Handbook.