



COVID-19 Face Covering Requirements

Pursuant to Governor Holcomb's **Executive Order 20-37**, Wawasee Community School Corporation will require all students in grades 3-12, all faculty and staff, all vendors, all contractors, all volunteers, and all visitors to wear a face covering or face shield:

1. While in our buildings, facilities, and grounds.
2. While on the school bus (required for all students, regardless of age).
3. While in school health clinics (required for all students, regardless of age).

Except when in health clinics or on school buses / other school-sponsored modes of transportation, children between the ages 2-8, whether they are a student or not, are strongly encouraged to wear a face covering or face shield. There will be times WCSC staff will ask students, regardless of age, to wear a face covering when it is not possible to adequately socially distance themselves from one another or staff. It is our expectation that all staff, students, and visitors comply with this request.

Opportunities to Remove Face Coverings:

There are 22 exemptions carved out in **Executive Order 20-37**, many of which mandate social distancing to allow for removal of face coverings. We understand that learning is best facilitated without the restrictions of a face covering. We will strive to meet best practices and keep staff and students socially distanced and allow for face coverings to be removed in accordance with the exemptions. We do not intend for students and staff to wear face coverings all day long and will work with our local health department and faculty to ensure a safe and comfortable learning environment.

Wawasee Virtual School

Because we must comply with executive orders and other mandates from state and local governments, families who would prefer their children never wear face coverings while at school should select the online-only option for the Wawasee Virtual School. For more information about the virtual school, please click **HERE** to learn more.