

Bexley City Schools Mask Exemptions Guidelines



On August 9, 2021 the Bexley Board of Education issued a [policy](#) requiring all students, visitors, faculty, and staff in any school building to wear a face mask while in our schools. Bandanas and Face Gaiters are prohibited.

We understand wearing a face mask may not be medically possible for some of our students, faculty, staff. In order to be exempt from this requirement, please complete the form located on the backside of this document, provide supporting medical documentation and return it to your student's building office where it will be submitted to the Director of Facilities and Operations, Dr. Harley Williams for review.

The [CDC offers the following exemptions](#):

1. A person with a disability who cannot wear a mask, or cannot safely wear a mask, for reasons related to the disability including people who have high sensitivity to materials on their faces, difficulty understanding why wearing a mask is protective (such as those with an intellectual disability), or those who have problems controlling their behavior.
2. A person for whom wearing a mask would create a risk to workplace health, safety, or job duty as determined by the [CDC's workplace risk assessment](#).

Beyond these categories, there are no diagnoses that warrant blanket exemptions from wearing a face mask. The CDC recommends people with moderate-to-severe or uncontrolled asthma are more likely to be hospitalized from COVID-19 and should wear a properly fitted mask indoors.

If a student, visitor, faculty, or staff member meets one of the exemptions listed earlier, they will be required to engage in other mitigating measures, as determined by the Administration.

This form should be completed if you are seeking an exemption from wearing a face mask.

Faculty/Staff

Student

Name: _____ School: _____ Grade if applicable: _____

Due to contraindication as defined by the CDC listed on page 1, the above named individual is exempt from wearing a face mask.

The reason for the exemption is (check all that apply)

- A person with a disability who cannot wear a mask, or cannot safely wear a mask, for reasons related to the disability including people who have high sensitivity to materials on their faces, difficulty understanding why wearing a mask is protective (such as those with an intellectual disability), or those who have problems controlling their behavior.
- A person for whom wearing a mask would create a risk to workplace health, safety, or job duty as determined by the CDC's workplace risk assessment.

Please explain the reason for the exemption below and provide supporting documentation:

MEDICAL PROVIDER'S NAME/TITLE (PRINTED) _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ DATE _____

By signing this form requesting an exemption for my child from wearing a mask, I acknowledge the increased risk of exposure to COVID-19. Ohio law prohibits any person from knowingly making a false statement with the purpose of misleading a public official in performing the public official's official function. See Ohio Revised Code Section 2921.13(A)(3).

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____