



MASKS ARE REQUIRED

upon entry for ALL members,
guests and spectators but
are not mandatory while
actively exercising.

**Thank you for your
cooperation!**

FACEMASK POLICY

Wooster Families,

We understand there is continued uncertainty in regard to the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent variants. As a school district, we continue to prioritize the health and safety of each of our students.

Given current circumstances and the guidance of the CDC and the Ohio Department of Health, we are setting the following guidelines – regardless of vaccination status – for the opening of the school year:

- **We are mandating masks** for all individuals, including students, teachers and staff, who are indoors with students present.
 - » No quarantine nor modified quarantine would be required if individuals within three feet of an infected individual are masked. Mandating masks provides the highest rate of possibility of keeping kids in school and allowing kids to participate in activities.
- Masks are **required on all transportation vehicles.**
 - » Adults are not required to wear masks when students are not present, but they are encouraged to do so.
- Masks are not required outdoors, but they are encouraged in crowded areas.
- Masks are not required during physical activities, such as sports and drama productions.
 - » **Masks are required indoors** when not actively participating in the activity, including sitting the bench, waiting backstage or spectating.
- A mask exemption for medical or religious reasons will require written documentation.
- Teachers may provide a mask break for students each class period, or once per hour.
- Students are not permitted to wear face shields as an alternative to masks.
- Teachers may wear face shields while instructing students.
 - » When wearing a face shield, teachers must maintain six (6) feet distance from others unless specific instructional strategy requires otherwise.

Moving forward, we will continue to monitor the situation on a local, regional and national level. We will continue following the guidance of the CDC and Ohio Department of Health, and keep our families updated as that guidance requires.

We understand some may be frustrated with sudden and recurring changes to policy, unfortunately this is the climate we live in for the time being. By following COVID protocols, we can do our part in the fight against the virus spread while keeping our students, staff, families and community safe and healthy.