Sitka School District Mask/Face Covering Policy

For the 2021-22 school year, SSD alert levels will align with the City of Sitka’s COVID-19 Dashboard alert levels. Using the city’s alert levels of High (Red), Substantial (Orange), Moderate (Yellow), and Low (Blue), SSD’s masking policy will be as follows:

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* Based on number of reported cases of COVID-19 over the past 7 days per 100,000 residents

** CDC Order 42 U.S.C. 264(a) and 42 CFR 70.2, 71.31(b), and 71.32(b) requires the masking of persons on all U.S. transit system.

A. When a mask/face covering is required
   - Masks must be worn while indoors during the student contact day, except as in sections B and C.
   - When the community alert level is Moderate, Substantial, or High, all staff and students must wear a mask or face covering at all times within a school building.

B. When not to wear masks/face covering - Maintain a distance of 3 to 6 feet from other people
   - In wet conditions, i.e. while using a power washer, while working outside in the rain, while in a swimming pool.
   - While performing strenuous or physical activities where a mask interferes with breathing. Masks/face coverings must be donned while on breaks and between activities.

C. When a mask/face covering is OPTIONAL
   - While eating or drinking – physical distancing of 3 to 6 feet should be in place/observed.
   - Masks/face coverings are optional in outdoor/playground areas for staff and students during supervised mask breaks; if staff members move within 3 feet of a student or another staff member in an outdoor setting, they should use a mask/face covering.
   - Spectators attending games at Moller Field for high school sporting events should mask in the covered areas (where physical distancing is challenging) when the city alert level is Moderate, Substantial, or High; masks/face coverings are optional in all other outside areas.
   - Masking is optional for vaccinated district staff before and after the student contact day while the community alert level is Moderate or Low.
   - Masking is required for all staff gatherings with more than five staff while the alert level is Moderate, Substantial, or High. Physical distancing will be observed regardless of vaccination status.

D. Definitions
   - “Mask” means a medical grade face mask. “Face covering” means a cloth, polypropylene, or other face covering. Both “mask” and “face covering” must cover the nose and the mouth and rest snugly above the nose, below the mouth, and on the sides of the face.
   - Enclosed personal work area: space assigned to an employee to perform their work, such as a classroom or office that has a closing door. When the door is closed, the employee is completely isolated from other people.
   - Open personal work area: space assigned to an employee to perform their work, such as a large room to which other people have available access. The employee is not isolated from other people.
   - Shared personal work area: space assigned to several employees to perform their work, such as a room with several desks like a school office. Employees are not isolated from each other.
   - Common area: any area in a district building to which more than one employee or student has ready access whether simultaneously or separately.

ADA Accommodation: If a medical condition inhibits your ability to wear a mask/face covering, contact Chris Voron at vorone@sitkaschools.org