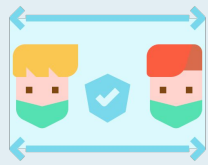


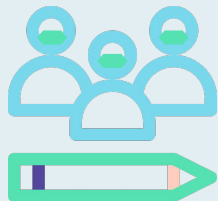
# Masking Made Easy

- Face masks help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Since it is possible to have coronavirus without showing symptoms, it is **best to wear a face covering even if you feel healthy**.
- Face masks **help contain small droplets** that come out your mouth and/or nose when you talk, sneeze, or cough.
- Your mask helps protect those around you, and theirs helps to protect you.

## When do I wear my mask?



When 6 feet of distance from another person cannot be maintained.

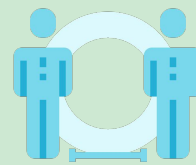


When in a classroom or other indoor space where 6 feet of distance is not possible.



When on a bus or other vehicle where 6 feet of distance is not possible.

## When can I remove it?



When 6 feet of distance from another person is maintained.



Briefly, when eating or drinking. If eating and drinking are permitted during bus transport, brief mask removal for eating and/or drinking is permitted.



When participating in strenuous activities or physical activity, such as athletic events or active play.

## What common mistakes should I avoid?



Removing a mask while around others in communal spaces where 6 feet distance cannot be maintained.



Wearing a mask under your chin with your nose and mouth exposed.



Touching your or your child/student's mask while it is being worn.

# Mask Exceptions for Schools

## What are the exceptions to the face mask requirement?

- Children **younger than 3 years old**.
- Individuals with **medical or mental health conditions, or a disability** that prevents wearing a face covering.
- Individuals who are **unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a face covering** without assistance.
- Individuals who are **deaf or hard of hearing while communicating** with others, or for individuals who are **communicating with an individual who is deaf or hard of hearing**, where the mouth is essential for communication. In this case, a face shield or alternative protection such as a plexiglass barrier is recommended.
- Individuals who have an **Individualized Education Plan (IEP)** under the Individuals with Disabilities Act (20 U.S.C. section 1414), or **an accommodation under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973** (29 U.S.C. section 794) that would necessitate exempting individuals from wearing a face covering.
- Children for whom wearing a face covering **may interfere with the ability to effectively participate in educational activities** or may increase the risk of disease transmission because of **increased hand-to-face contact**.
- Individuals engaged in **athletic activities**.

Please refer to the Wyoming Department of Health Guidance for Educational Institutions on our [website](#) for additional information.