

**Dover Sherborn Regional School Committee  
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Dover Sherborn Union #50 Superintendency Committee**

**August 25, 2020  
Meeting Agenda  
5:00 PM**

Following guidance issued by Governor Baker regarding the Open Meeting Law, this public meeting will be held remotely, and individuals wishing to participate may do so by utilizing Zoom video conferencing technology\*, to join the meeting by video conferencing using a computer or tablet, please click on the link:

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1. Call to Order
2. Community Comments
3. Superintendent Search Team Presentation and Recommendation AR
4. Policy – Face Covering EBCFA AR
5. Update on Fall Reopening 2020
6. Adjourn

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*Note: The listings of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair, which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may, in fact, be discussed and other items not listed may also be raised for discussion to the extent permitted by law.*

## FACE COVERINGS

The Dover-Sherborn Regional School District is committed to providing a safe environment as schools reopen during the COVID-19 pandemic. According to public health experts, one of the best ways to stop the spread of coronavirus and to keep members of our school community safe is the use of Face Coverings. Therefore, in accordance with guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH), the following requirements are in place until further notice.

### **Family to Provide Face Coverings**

A student's Face Covering is to be provided by the student's family. Staff members are responsible for providing their own Face Coverings. However, the District will supply disposable face covering for individuals who arrive at a building, or board school transportation, without one.

### **Acceptable Face Coverings**

Acceptable Face Coverings:

- Cover your nose and mouth,
- Fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face with no gaps,
- Are secured with ties or ear loops,
- Include at least 2 layers of woven (not knit) fabric,
- Allow for breathing without restriction, and
- Are able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape.

Refer to the District Face Covering Hygiene/Respiratory Protocol for more detail regarding District-specific requirements, expectations, and considerations for Face Coverings.

### **Where Face Coverings Must be Worn**

A Face Covering **must** be worn by all individuals in school buildings, on school grounds and on school transportation, **even when social distancing is observed.**

## **Circumstances Where Face Coverings are Not Required**

Face Coverings will not be required when appropriate social distancing is enforced:

- during mask breaks [discuss]
- while eating or drinking;
- during physical education classes [discuss];
- while outside [discuss].

## **Exceptions to the Face Covering Requirement**

Individuals may be exempted from the requirement if they:

- have trouble breathing;
- are unconscious;
- are incapacitated;
- cannot remove the mask or Face Covering without assistance;
- have a medical, behavioral or other challenge making it unsafe to wear a Face Covering.

To obtain an exemption for any of the foregoing reasons, the student must provide a written note from a physician. The ultimate decision of whether to grant the requested exemption rests with the building principal in consultation with the school nurse and the Board of Health.

Face shields or physical barriers may provide an alternative in some instances. Parents may not excuse their child from the Face Covering requirement by waiver or otherwise.

## **Policy Violations**

- If students are in violation of this policy, the building principal will consult with the parent/guardians to determine whether an exception is appropriate, or the student should be removed from the school building until such time as they can comply with the requirement or the requirement is lifted.
- Violations of this policy by staff will be handled in the same manner as other violations of School Committee policy.
- Visitors in violation of this policy will be denied entry to the school/district facility.

This policy will remain in place until rescinded by the School Committee.

LEGAL REF.: Commonwealth of Massachusetts, COVID-19 Order No. 31

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/may-1-2020-masks-and-face-coverings/download>

REFS.: Center for Disease Control and Prevention – Considerations for Wearing Masks -

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-guidance.html>

Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education – Reopening Guidelines - <http://www.doe.mass.edu/covid19/>

Commonwealth of Massachusetts – Mask Up MA! –

<https://www.mass.gov/news/mask-up-ma>

SOURCE: MASC – August 2020