



Arizona School for the Arts

COVID-19 Face Covering Policy

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Arizona School for the Arts (the “School”) is implementing this COVID-19 Face Covering Policy to help protect our students, our staff, and our school community. This policy applies to all enrolled students, faculty, staff, and visitors to campus.

1. Face coverings are no longer required on School campus or at School-sponsored events.
2. Face coverings remain permissible, and students and staff are permitted to wear face coverings on School campus or at School-sponsored events, so long as such face coverings are otherwise consistent with applicable dress code standards. The School will not tolerate any bullying, harassment, or discrimination arising from or related to students or staff opting to wear a face covering or not.
3. The School reserves the right to reinstate a face covering requirement on School campus and at School-sponsored events if future guidance from Federal and local health officials suggests such a requirement is necessary or prudent.

When Face Coverings Are Required

The School requires all faculty, staff, students and visitors over the age of five, regardless of vaccination status, to wear face coverings that comply with this policy and the School’s dress code standards for five (5) days upon return to campus following a five (5) day isolation due to a positive COVID-19 test or the onset of COVID-19 symptoms whenever they are inside on school grounds during school hours, in school-provided transportation or attending an indoor school sponsored event.

Exceptions:

Subject to and in accordance with public health guidance, the School will not require students to wear face coverings, in the circumstances described above, under the following limited circumstances:

- When the student is eating or drinking;
- When the School determines, in its sole discretion, that students can socially distance – i.e., sustainably maintain at least 6 feet of separation from other students or staff;*
- If the student has a documented medical or behavioral condition or disability that makes them unable to wear a face covering (e.g., has trouble breathing, severe respiratory impairments, sensory concerns or tactile sensitivity, or is unable to remove the face covering without assistance); or

- If the student is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

Acceptable Face Coverings

A face covering is acceptable only if it meets current public health guidance and:

- Completely covers the nose and mouth;
- Fits snugly but comfortably against the side of the face;
- Is secured with ties, ear loops, or another reliable method;
- Are made to sufficiently block respiratory droplets from permeating the face covering; and
- Allows the user to breathe without restriction.

Provision of Face Coverings

Should a student choose to wear a face covering, they are expected to bring their own to School that comply with the requirements set forth above; however, the School will provide students with a disposable face covering if they forget theirs or are otherwise unable to procure a face covering of their own.

Enforcement and Non-Retaliation

Failure to comply with this policy may result in disciplinary action in accordance with the School's disciplinary policies and procedures.

The School will not tolerate any bullying, harassment, or discrimination arising from or related to students opting to wear a face covering or not.

Policy Subject to Change

The School may modify or rescind this policy at any time, in its sole discretion, and without advanced notice in order to adapt to changing public health guidance, legal obligations, and operational needs.

If any part of this policy conflicts with applicable local, county, state law, regulation, or public health guidance, the School will comply with the applicable law, regulation, or public health guidance.