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Wearing Masks and Face Coverings

The Board of Education is mindful of the evolving need for emergency measures to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. In consideration of the recommendations issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Sauk County Health Department, the Board is adopting this emergency policy for all students, employees, volunteers, and visitors of River Valley School District.

DEFINITIONS

- a. “Enclosed Space” means a confined space open to the public where individuals congregate including, but not limited to, outdoor restaurants, outdoor park structures, taxis, public transit, and ride-share vehicles.
- b. “Face Covering” means a piece of cloth or other material that is worn to cover the nose and mouth completely. This includes, but is not limited to, a bandana, a cloth face mask, a disposable or paper mask, a neck gaiter, a religious face covering, or a “Badger Shield” (see illustration at <https://making.engr.wisc.edu/badger-shield-plus/>). (A “Badger Shield” IS considered a face covering, not a face shield, since it covers the nose and mouth completely.)

A mask or face covering DOES NOT include face shields, mesh masks, masks with holes or openings, or masks with vents.

- c. “Physical distancing” means maintaining at least six feet of distance from other individuals who are not members of your household or living unit.

Every individual shall wear a face covering if both of the following apply:

- a. The individual is indoors or in an enclosed space.
- b. Another person or persons who are not members of an individual’s household or living unit are present in the same room or enclosed space.

CAN I WEAR A FACE SHIELD INSTEAD OF A FACE COVERING?

No. According to CDC guidelines, a face shield does not provide the same protections as a face covering. You can wear a face shield *in addition to* a face covering, but a face shield cannot be used in place of a face covering that would otherwise be required by this policy.

STUDENTS

Until further action of the Board, all students shall be required to wear a mask or face covering:

- (a) While attending school or a school function in any school building, facility or other area of a

Elementary School and Early Learning Center Mask Guideline

<https://making.engr.wisc.edu/badger-shield-plus/>

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