



LAKWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Lakewood Families and Staff,

The health and safety of our Lakewood students, staff, and community is our utmost priority. It has come to the District's attention that there are some discrepancies among the face covering expectations for students and staff on campus.

To clarify, the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) defines a cloth face covering as "anything that completely covers your mouth and nose, and fits securely on the sides of your face and under your chin. It should be made of two or more layers of tightly woven fabric with ties or straps that go around your head or behind your ears". This information may be found [here](#). Further mask guidance and recommendations from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) can also be found [here](#).

In order to comply with the DOH and CDC face covering standards, the District will be asking all students and staff on campus to wear appropriate face coverings, as defined by the DOH and CDC. Gaiters (without straps or ties) and bandanas are examples that do not comply with this standard. If a student or staff comes to campus in an unacceptable face covering, a surgical mask will be offered as a replacement for the day. Please refer to the [District's Face Covering and Expectations Protocol](#) for further guidance.

Thank you for your continued support and attention to this matter so that we may keep ourselves and one another safe from the virus. It is vital that we all understand the same expectations.

Sincerely,

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CDC Recommended vs. Not Recommended Face Coverings

Recommended



Medical procedure masks (sometimes referred to as surgical masks or disposable face masks)



Masks that fit properly (snugly around the nose and chin with no large gaps around the sides of the face)



Masks made with breathable fabric (such as cotton)



Masks made with tightly woven fabric (i.e., fabrics that do not let light pass through when held up to a light source)



Masks with two or three layers



Masks with inner filter pockets

Not Recommended



Masks that do not fit properly (large gaps, too loose or too tight)



Masks made from materials that are hard to breathe through (such as plastic or leather)



Masks made from fabric that is loosely woven or knitted, such as fabrics that let light pass through



Masks with one layer



Masks with exhalation valves or vents



Wearing a scarf/ski mask