

# Mask Guidance Update

## May 2021

Parents, Students, and Staff of Banks SD,

On May 19th, 2021 the Oregon Health Authority updated the guidance for masks and face coverings again. This guidance changes mask expectations and requirements for students, staff, and community members at school and extracurricular activities. Several of these changes to the guidance have impacts on our daily school events and afterschool activities.

### Definitions:

- “Fully vaccinated individual” means an individual has received both doses of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine or one dose of a single-dose vaccine and at least 14 days have passed since the individual’s final dose of COVID-19 vaccine.
- “Proof of vaccination status” means documentation provided by a tribal, federal, state or local government, or a health care provider, that includes an individual’s name, date of birth, type of COVID-19 vaccination given, date or dates given, depending on whether it is a one-dose or two-dose vaccine, and the name/location of the health care provider or site where the vaccine was administered. Documentation may include, but is not limited to, COVID-19 vaccination record card, or a copy or digital picture of the vaccination record card.

### Ready Schools Safe Learners (School) Updates:

- **Outdoors:** Students, staff, volunteers, and visitors are not required to wear face coverings outdoors (including, but not limited to: Outdoor PE, outdoor music, recess, and arrival & dismissal). Until additional updates are provided, all [RSSL](#) physical distancing and other related requirements still apply.
- **Indoors:** Students, staff, volunteers, and visitors are still required to wear face coverings indoors and on buses. Physical distancing and other related requirements still apply.
- **School Staff Indoors:** Fully vaccinated staff are not required to wear face coverings or physically distance inside school buildings when students are not present (such as before and after school or on weekends) only when vaccination status is checked by the school.
- **School Board Meetings Indoors:** Fully vaccinated staff, school board members, and community are not required to wear face coverings or physically distance

inside at school board meetings if children are not present only when vaccination status is checked by the school. Most children in Oregon are not yet vaccinated. School board meetings are open to the public and students and children are always welcome.

### **Sport and Activities:**

- **Outdoor Sports:** Students, staff, volunteers, and spectators are not required to wear face coverings at outdoor sports events. Until additional updates are provided, all previous physical distancing and capacity restrictions still apply. (school athletes and coaches included)
- **Indoor Sports:** Fully vaccinated students, staff, volunteers, and spectators are not required to wear face coverings at indoor sports events only when vaccination status is checked by the school in a manner described by OHA in guidance. Until additional updates are provided, all previous physical distancing and capacity restrictions still apply.
- **Outdoor Graduation Ceremony:** Students, staff, volunteers, and spectators are not required to wear face coverings at outdoor graduation ceremonies. Until additional updates are provided, all previous physical distancing and capacity restrictions still apply.

OHA **strongly recommends** that individuals who are unvaccinated or who are at risk for severe COVID-19 disease continue to wear a mask, face covering or face shield when in outdoor crowded areas and in outdoor large gatherings of individuals and maintain physical distancing. Crowded areas and large gatherings of individuals include but are not limited to venues, event areas, sports events, fairs, festivals, parades, graduation ceremonies or wedding receptions.

We will continue to follow the guidance, and keep you informed of any changes.

Regards,

Banks School District  
Superintendent and Administration Team