

St. Elizabeth R-IV School District  
Mask Mandate for COVID-19

The purpose of the St.Elizabeth R-IV mask mandate is to eliminate the spread of the COVID - 19 throughout the St. Elizabeth school campus. Furthermore, with the new conditions afforded to Missouri school districts, this mandate will also reduce the total number of students to be quarantined should other positive cases be identified within the St. Elizabeth R-IV School district.

The mask mandate shall go into effect on November 23, 2020 for all teachers, staff, and students that cannot social distance. When social distancing can be achieved, all teachers, staff, and students are not required to wear the mask.

The mask mandate is also not required during physical exercise, lunch, and during athletic practices, however for example, when students are in line for lunch, recess, etc. masks must be worn. When students finish eating, students will then put their masks back on.

Student-athletes not actively participating in practice or the athletic field are required to wear masks. For example, a student-athlete who is sitting on the bench must wear their mask but may then remove it when entering a game.

Students, staff, and teachers who continually violate the mask policy are subject to discipline from the administration. Additionally, any parent/guardian who does not want their child to wear a mask will be allowed to attend classes by virtual means only.

#### Types of Masks

Students are encouraged to use masks provided by the school district. Both adult and children sizes are available. Students may also bring in their own personal masks. All masks, even personal masks, should be CDC approved. All masks must also be school appropriate and may not contain any offensive language or inappropriate symbols, pictures, or sayings.

Face shields are not allowable as they are not approved by the CDC.

Students and staff who have previously contracted COVID-19 are not required to wear a mask while they are under the umbrella of the 90-day window. All students and staff not previously documented from the Miller County Health Department or surrounding counties must provide official documentation. Antibody blood tests at this time are not recognized as a safe measure of quarantine. *This particular exception may be terminated by the Miller County Health Department and/or the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.*

*The St. Elizabeth R-IV School District administration and the school board may vote to lift the mask mandate with the cooperation of the Miller County Health Department and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services at any time depending on current and local health conditions.*

Mask Mandate Procedure Scenarios for in-class/school primary contact

1. A positive person wearing a mask and primary contact not wearing a mask=Both Quarantine
  - a. Follow the same process that we have been doing
2. A positive person not wearing a mask and primary contact wearing a mask=Both Quarantine
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3. A positive person wearing a mask and primary contact wearing a mask=Positive person will need to quarantine, per the Miller County Health Department. The primary contact can stay at school and does not need to be quarantined. The following process will take place.
  - a. Contact tracing will still be conducted.
  - b. Primary contacts will be pulled from class and informed.
  - c. Parents will be notified that their child was a primary contact, but may remain in school and not quarantine. Parents are still encouraged to watch for symptoms.
  - d. If primary contacts start to show symptoms, they need to contact their doctor immediately and contact the school that they will not be attending until their symptoms improve.
  - e. Parents who are not comfortable with their child/ren remaining at school, still have the option to self-quarantine their child. Release dates will be given to them by the Miller County Health Department and their child must remain on self-quarantine until that EOD (end of day) release date.

***Adopted by the St. Elizabeth Board of Education  
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