

Newfield CSD Mask Procedure **as of July 12, 2021**

Newfield will be following the information below from the CDC until August 31, 2021 unless otherwise instructed. Any faculty or staff who are instructing or interacting with students indoors must be masked unless all parties are vaccinated, including athletic workouts. All unvaccinated people must wear a mask indoors. Everyone has the option to wear a mask at any time. While outdoors, masks do not need to be worn and social distancing should be considered.

Thank you for remaining safe and healthy as we continue to navigate through new regulations.

CDC Guidance for Consistent and Correct Mask Use:

When teachers, staff, and students who are not fully vaccinated consistently and correctly wear a mask, they [protect others as well as themselves](#). Consistent and [correct mask use](#) by people who are not fully vaccinated is especially important indoors and in crowded settings, when physical distancing cannot be maintained.

- Indoors: Mask use is recommended for people who are not fully vaccinated including students, teachers, and staff. [Children under 2 years of age](#) should not wear a mask.
- Outdoors: In general, people do not need to wear masks when outdoors. However, particularly in areas of [substantial to high transmission](#), CDC recommends that people who are not fully vaccinated wear a mask in crowded outdoor settings or during activities that involve sustained close contact with other people who are not fully vaccinated.

Schools that continue to require people older than 2 years of age to wear a mask should make exceptions for the following categories of people:

- A person who [cannot wear a mask, or cannot safely wear a mask](#), because of a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.). Discuss the possibility of [reasonable accommodation](#)
- [external icon](#)
- with workers who are not fully vaccinated who are unable to wear or have difficulty wearing certain types of masks because of a disability.
- A person for whom wearing a mask would create a risk to workplace health, safety, or job duty as determined by the relevant workplace safety guidelines or federal regulations.

Schools should be supportive of people who are fully vaccinated, but choose to continue to wear a mask, as a personal choice or because they have a medical condition that may weaken their immune system. School administrators will also need to ensure their selected mask use policy does not conflict with local, state, and territorial laws, policies, and regulations.

During school transportation: [CDC's Order](#) applies to all public transportation conveyances including school buses. Regardless of the mask policy at school, passengers and drivers must wear a mask on school buses, including on buses operated by public and private school systems, subject to the exclusions and exemptions in CDC's Order. Learn more [here](#). For example, if a student attends a school where mask use is not required due to vaccination status (e.g., a high school with a high rate of vaccination), the student is still required to wear a mask on the school bus.