

Mask Policy

St. John School requires that all students and faculty/staff wear masks when indoors, except students who cannot do so due to medical conditions or behavioral needs (this must be documented with the school nurse). Masks are not necessary outdoors and may be removed while eating indoors.

St John School requires that all visitors, including parents and guardians, wear masks when indoors. Masks for visitors are not required outdoors.

Additional notes

-By federal public health order, all students and staff are required to wear masks on school buses. This applies to Canton Public Schools buses.

-We will continue to monitor data and best practices and will make changes to mask policies as necessary. We will do this in conjunction with the Massachusetts Department of Education (DESE), the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH), the Canton Board of Health, and the Archdiocese of Boston.

Masks and face coverings that cover the nose and mouth. Masks/face coverings should be made of a tightly woven fabric, such as cotton or cotton knit, be comfortable for extended wear, and be washed daily. Families are encouraged to purchase reusable cloth masks that are cleaned daily. Students should have a mask for each day they are in school if it cannot be cleaned daily. Please send a backup mask with your child if the mask is soiled or needs to be replaced. Extra disposable masks will be available by the school for students who need them.

Masks/face coverings must be school appropriate. This allows for some creativity (sports teams, patterns, fun designs, etc) but prohibits political messaging as well as other inappropriate themes. A face shield may be worn in addition to a mask/face covering. However, a face shield is not a substitute for a mask/face covering.