

Mask Policy

St. John School requires that all unvaccinated 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, regardless of vaccination status. Masks for visitors are not required outdoors.

St. John School strongly recommends that all vaccinated faculty/staff, and students wear masks indoors.

- Any vaccinated individual at higher risk for severe disease from COVID-19 or with a household member who is at high risk or unvaccinated is strongly encouraged to mask regardless of vaccination status

- Per the Archdiocese of Boston, St. John School cannot mandate masks for vaccinated students and/or faculty/staff

- Vaccinated students must be masked when working in very close contact on projects

- All vaccinated individuals must have a mask with them at school

Any vaccinated student, faculty, or staff must present vaccination documentation in order to not wear a mask. This must be provided to the school nurse who will keep an up-to-date list of vaccinated students and faculty/staff

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.

- All staff and students must wear masks while in school health offices.

- We will continue to monitor data and best practices and will make changes to mask policies as necessary.

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.