



EDMOND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear EPS Families,

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has released a clarification on the level of protection provided by face shields (versus the more widely used face masks) with the following warning: "CDC does not recommend use of face shields for normal everyday activities or as a substitute for cloth face coverings." For this reason, students (PK-12) and teachers attending Edmond Public Schools will be required to wear **cloth face masks** when entering the building and moving through the hallways. The mask requirement also extends to all school facilities, grounds, and classrooms for teachers and students in grades 1-12.

Face shields may be appropriate and used sparingly in some situations such as when an elementary teacher or language specialist is delivering instruction from a small table or desk where seeing the face of the student is crucial. Additionally, face shields may be appropriate for special needs students as prescribed in an IEP.

We appreciate our families' attention to this point of clarification from the CDC as we continue to work together to safely return our students to school.

Sincerely,
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