

Mask Update July 27, 2020

COVID-19 Preparedness Plan

Staff:

Do staff have to wear masks all the time? The answer is No

When is the mask required for staff? All staff working in an indoor care setting must wear a mask in communal areas (center hallways, lobbies, restrooms, breakroom, etc) It is also recommended to wear a mask outside if you cannot social distance.

Teachers are not required to wear masks when in an indoor classroom and confined to working with a single group of children.

Staff masks are required when in a classroom outside of their typical workday location (such as a teacher who enters a different classroom for an emergency or break, floating teachers, kitchen staff delivering meals, etc)

Outdoor space: when it is difficult or not possible to maintain social distancing a mask is recommended.

Office Staff: When an individual is alone, including in an office or cubicle, they are not required to wear a mask

It is recommended that teachers and office staff always have a mask with them at all times.

Children:

Do children have to wear masks? No

Children under 2 should never wear them for safety reasons. The Governor's order specifically exempts children 5 and under from mandatory face coverings.

Children over 5 years of age are not exempt from the mask order. But child care providers have been given the flexibility to decide what they would like to do. **At Cross View we are choosing at this time to exempt children over 5 from the mask requirement.**

Parents:

Outdoor drop-off and Pick-up: When it is difficult or not possible to maintain social distancing a mask is recommended. If you would like to have a conversation with a teacher, we strongly encourage you to wear a mask as much as possible to protect everyone's health.