



# James Madison Preparatory School

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## JMPS School Face Mask Policy

James Madison Preparatory School is required to implement a school-wide face mask/face covering policy by the state of Arizona. The school is guided in the development and application of this policy by the Centers for Disease Control, the Arizona Department of Health Services, and the Arizona Department of Public Instruction.

**POLICY STATEMENT** All students, family members, staff, vendors and visitors are required to wear face coverings at all times when on the JMPS campus or at JMPS events until further notice. Children under the age of 3 are not required to wear face coverings.

### FACE MASK PROTOCOLS

- Said face coverings must be worn to cover the mouth and nose of individuals. Clear face shields to cover the eyes are not generally considered a replacement for a cloth face covering but may be worn by those with breathing difficulties.
  - Note: Cloth face coverings should NOT be placed on:
    - Children younger than two years old
    - Anyone who has trouble breathing or is unconscious
    - Anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance
    - Students with certain disabilities or health conditions
- These face coverings need not be surgical grade face coverings. Cloth face coverings are meant to protect other people in case the wearer is unknowingly infected but does not have symptoms. Cloth face coverings are not surgical masks, respirators, or other medical personal protective equipment.
- Face masks may be printed or individualized, but may not include offensive images, symbols, or text.
- Masks may be removed outdoors providing minimum social distancing is observed (individuals standing 6 or more feet apart).



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## **Educating About the Importance of Cloth Face Coverings-**

- Although the use of face masks does not provide absolute protection or coverage against the transmission of the Covid19 virus, the use of such face coverings does provide some protection and is required in many localities in Arizona. The City of Tempe currently (as of 10 August 2020) requires the use of face masks to aid in reducing this public health threat. In the event that federal, state, county, or city government authorities issue subsequent regulations related to face coverings, JMPS will revise this School Face Mask Policy in order to be in compliance with any new requirements.
- James Madison Preparatory School Teachers and Administrators will teach and reinforce use of cloth face coverings. Face coverings may be challenging for students (especially younger students) to wear in all-day settings such as school. Face coverings should be worn by staff and students (particularly older students), as feasible, and are most essential in times when physical distancing is difficult.
- Individuals should be frequently reminded not to touch the face covering and to wash their hands frequently.
- Information should be provided to staff, students, and students' families on proper use, removal, and washing of cloth face coverings. JMPS will provide families with instructions on how to wear, sanitize, and properly maintain cloth face coverings. Cloth face coverings should be washed routinely depending on frequency of use. A washing machine should suffice in adequately cleaning cloth face coverings. JMPS is aware that not all families have access to washing machines and has resources in place in order to equitably promote the health and wellness of all students.
- Please direct questions regarding the School Face Mask Policy to David Batchelder (Mr. B), Director of Community Relations, at 480-345-2306 ext. 219, or [dbatchelder@madisonprep.org](mailto:dbatchelder@madisonprep.org)

**This policy was approved by the James Madison Preparatory School Governing Board at its 10 August 2020 meeting.**