

Do students have to keep wearing a mask in class?

No, students are no longer required to wear masks during class. When this regulation was passed as a precautionary measure it was still not certain how travelling during the summer holidays would affect the infection rates. A few weeks later and with the end of the summer break further behind us, case numbers state-wide continue to sink. For that reason it would no longer be reasonable to mandate wearing a mask at an assigned seat during class. However, students may continue to wear a mask voluntarily. Once the students leave their seats, the mask requirement is still in place on the entire school premises.

Is there still emergency care for children whose parents are essential workers?

With the resumption of regular operations at schools (and child care facilities) during the pandemic, there is no longer a general need for this. However, the regulations will remain in place temporarily in case there is a need for emergency care in specific situations (e.g. if a school has to be closed).

Do the schools provide masks for students?

Parents and students are responsible for obtaining mouth and nose covering. The state government is providing the schools with around one million masks from state reserves at the beginning of the school year. Every school will thus have a stock that can be used as needed.