

INDIAN RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT

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COVID-19 Updates January 11, 2022

Governor John Carney has signed a revision to the recent State of Emergency declaration, requiring Delawareans to wear masks in indoor public settings, including convenience stores, grocery stores, gyms, restaurants, bars, hair salons, malls, and casinos.

The mask requirement took effect at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 11. **Governor Carney also announced plans to extend the school and child care facilities mask requirements, which were previously set to expire on February 8.**

Both the public and school mask requirements apply to anyone kindergarten age and older, regardless of vaccination status. Children aged 2-5 are strongly encouraged to wear masks in public indoor settings, including schools and child care facilities. Children under 2-years-old should not wear masks due to the risk of suffocation.

All IRSD staff, volunteers, and school visitors are expected to adhere to the following guidelines:

- Masks are to be properly worn (two ply and covering the mouth and nose) in all school buildings and offices. This includes, but is not limited to, building lobbies, hallways, school buses, vans, elevators, bathrooms, and meeting rooms.
- Masks are not required outdoors.
- Masks are not required when a person is in a personal office space (a single room) when others outside of that person's household are not present. Masks are not required in an open plan office space or cubicle setting when a person is seated and can maintain at least six (6) feet of distance between themselves and others outside of that person's household. Individuals who work in these settings are *strongly encouraged* to maintain greater physical distance whenever possible and to wear masks regardless of the distance that is maintained.
- Masks are not required when a speaker, reader, or singer can maintain at least six (6) feet of distance between themselves and the audience and any other person in the space. The speaker, reader, or singer must put the mask back on immediately after speaking, reading, or singing.
- Mask requirements need to be posted on all entrance doors and disposable masks should be available for guests and visitors.
- We will strongly recommend that all preschool students wear masks in our school settings.

[Click here to read Monday's revision to the State of Emergency.](#)

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