

Effective March 7, 2022, students, staff, volunteers and visitors who do not have confirmed Covid cases or a fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or greater may choose to wear a mask/face covering or not wear a mask/face covering when on school campus.

Masks/face coverings have not been required outdoors, in the cafeteria or at PE. Students or staff with a fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or greater must be excluded from school until fever free for 24 hours. At East Voyager Academy, we take our duty to provide a safe and healthy school environment seriously and will not tolerate conduct that jeopardizes the safety of others. We believe that our school is a community where we care for each other and think not just about ourselves but about our community when making decisions, especially where decisions could directly and seriously harm others.

To that end, we are taking a layered approach to COVID-19 which includes the following:

1. Promoting vaccinations for all eligible individuals
2. Minimizing exposure to COVID-19
3. Screening/testing where and when applicable
4. Continuing robust cleaning and hygiene practices including handwashing and use of hand sanitizer
5. Managing through isolation and quarantine confirmed COVID-19 case per CDC and NCStrongSchool ToolKit.

Generally, when the school adopts a mask optional procedure, students and staff will be permitted to decide whether to mask or not. Notwithstanding the foregoing, even in a mask optional setting, masks will be required at the discretion of the Principal in the following circumstances:

1. In accordance with guidance that may be received from the NC Strong Schools Toolkit, the NCHHS, and/or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC")
2. Where an individual tests positive for COVID-19
3. On any school related trips using non-parent transportation
4. In accordance with state or federal law, including but not limited to the Americans with Disabilities

Act and Amendments.

For the safety of others, if a mask is required such as during a period of high transmission, the school requires a 2-layer cloth face mask or medical mask. Mesh masks are never permitted. Masks must cover the nose, mouth and chin. It is always important to be mindful that there are many reasons why an individual may or may not mask. All employees are expected to be supportive of their co-workers' choices with respect to masking and social distance. And all parents/students/guardians are expected to be supportive of staff and students with respect to their choices regarding masking and social distance. Any staff member who violates this policy will be subject to discipline. Any student who violates this policy will be subject to discipline under the schools Code of Conduct.

These procedures may be updated, amended, modified or rescinded at the discretion of the School Administration or Board of Trustees.