

USD 350 Mask Requirement Opt-Out Form

When case counts are high, to limit the spread of Covid-19, minimize quarantines, and keep schools open, St. John-Hudson Schools requires students and staff to wear masks indoors when social distancing is not possible.

If you prefer that your child not wear a mask, please complete this form and return it to your child's teacher or the school office. Please keep in mind that if a student who tests positive for COVID-19 was wearing a mask while at school, any exposed students who were also wearing a mask will not have to quarantine as long as they remain asymptomatic.

If you wish to opt your children out of the mask requirement, check the box below and complete the form. If you have no objection to your student wearing a mask while at school and related activities, you do not need to do anything.

I would like to opt my child(ren) out of the mask requirement. I understand that this opt-out does not apply to school transportation or if my child has been considered a close contact of a positive case.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

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Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

BOE Policy as of 9-13-21:

- *Masks or cloth face coverings covering the mouth and nose are required for all staff, students, and visitors indoors anytime that social distancing is not possible. Masks are optional if staff/student positive case and close contact count in the district is below 6%. Masks are required if the count is above 6% (27). Once the threshold of 6% is met, the mask requirement will be in effect for two weeks and then re-evaluated each week thereafter.*
- *Exceptions to the mask requirement will be granted for medical reasons or of a family chooses to opt out their students.*
- *Exceptions are also when a student is an active participant in an athletic event.*
- *Masks will be required for a two-week period starting September 20th and then re-evaluated.*
- *Masks will be required of all those riding on buses and in school vehicles. This is required due to current federal law and the opt-out does not apply.*
- *If masks are worn by both an infected individual and the close contact, then quarantine is not necessary. Close contacts must monitor symptoms for 14 days and report any symptoms to the school nurse.*