

The focus of this FAQ is safety. We take the responsibility of keeping your children safe from all potential threats very seriously. Currently, we are focused on COVID-19 and making sure your children are protected as much as possible from this deadly virus.

The state has given specific requirements in order for our school to reopen. We want to make sure you are fully aware of these mandates and the details of what school will look like when it resumes on August 17, 2020.

I have chosen to address some of these today in a Q&A format. I am sure you will have questions that may not have an answer yet, but hopefully this will answer some of them.

**1. Are Masks or face coverings required for all students?**

Answer: Yes, Governor Herbert issued the executive order last week which was followed by a state mandate from the health department. I have attached the governor's executive order, the health department's order, the updated phased guidelines, and a FAQ sheet I received for your information.

**2. Will face coverings have to be worn all day?**

Answer: There will be times throughout the day when face coverings will be able to be safely removed while still following required guidelines.

**3. What type of face covering is acceptable?**

Answer: Face covering means a cloth mask that covers both the nose and mouth.

There will be no specific mask requirements, however we do ask that they are Kindergarten friendly (not scary). Information on how to make and properly care for cloth face coverings can be found on the CDC website:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>.

**4. Will the school provide face coverings?**

Answer: We are asking parents to provide face coverings for their children attending school. We received a shipment of masks from the Utah State Board of Education to help those that have a difficult time obtaining one.

**5. Are there exceptions to the mask mandate?**

Answer: Yes, there are specific exceptions to the mask mandate listed in the executive order attached at the bottom of this document.

**6. What about masks at recess?**

Answer: During recess, masks will not be required but we will be promoting physical distancing and hand hygiene before and after recess. Refer to the Phased Guidelines Appendix C attached at the bottom.

**7. Are masks required while students are eating in the gym?**

Answer: No, masks are not required when eating lunch. We will continue to promote hand hygiene and physical distancing where feasible. Schedules are being evaluated to possibly lower the number of students in the gym during lunchtime. Eating outdoors when weather permits may also be an option.

**8. Is there an online option for those of us that prefer to have our children stay home?**

Answer: No, our school is approved for in-person education only. Our charter does not allow an online education option which includes livestream lessons. Last spring, the requirements of in-person education were suspended due to an executive order from the governor's office. This is the only time we would be allowed to provide any type of online education.

**9. If I choose to homeschool for the first part of the year, can I retain my spot and have them start later?**

Answer: No, we have enrollment rules which must be followed in order for us to be compliant with our agreements with the state and federal government.