

# FACE COVERING POLICY AND GUIDELINES

everyone in program is required to wear a [cloth face covering](#) over their nose and mouth at all times. Face covering must be worn in all indoor spaces. This includes classrooms, program spaces, restrooms, hallways, and any other indoor spaces. Cloth face coverings are also required outdoors when six feet of physical distancing cannot be maintained, including during daily health checks.

**Information on Cloth Face Covering requirements:**

Wear fabric face coverings, such as cloth face masks, scarves, and bandanas. Families are responsible for providing face coverings for their children and should have extra face coverings available at the center. Kids Co. will have extra face coverings on site in the event that a face covering becomes damaged or soiled during program.

<b>Face coverings must:</b>	<b>Unacceptable face coverings:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• cover the nose and mouth at all times</li><li>• fit snugly against the side of the face</li><li>• have 2 or more layers of cloth</li><li>• be changed when it gets moist.</li><li>• be washed after each use.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• do not cover both the nose and mouth</li><li>• are being worn incorrectly</li><li>• are worn loosely with gaps on the sides</li><li>• leave the chin exposed</li><li>• only cover the tip of the nose</li><li>• contain vents, holes, and/or mesh</li><li>• neck gaiters and face shields</li></ul>

**Eating and Drinking:** Staff and children may remove face coverings when they are eating and drinking during program time. During these times all staff and children must maintain six feet of physical distancing. During meal and snack times all staff and students should remain seated and put their cloth face coverings on directly after eating and/or drinking.

**Accountability:** Public health is everyone’s responsibility. Kids Co. is relying on families to follow health and safety protocols at Kids Co. and while at home. Kids Co. is also relying on families to talk with their children about the importance of wearing cloth face coverings to help keep their friends healthy and safe. This includes speaking to your children about not sharing masks with other kids. Individuals, who consistently fail to adhere to the Face Covering Policy and Guidelines, may be asked to be picked up from program. In the event that a child consistently is unable to adhere to the policy and guidelines, their enrollment may be terminated. Kids Co. may use other existing policies, including but not limited to policies related to behavior that endangers self or others, for enforcement of intentional or unintentional violations of COVID-19 policies.

All members of the child care community are expected to follow all COVID-19 safety procedures and policies.

**Exceptions:** Individuals who are unable to wear a cloth face covering due to a medical or behavioral condition or disability may wear an alternative face covering such as a shield, and maintain a minimum of six feet physical distance at all times. Children may be required to follow additional protocols established by Kids Co. In these instances of exceptions, the family will be required to complete additional documentation. Please contact your location’s program manager, if you believe your child qualifies for an exception.