



Marshfield Clinic
Health System

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STATEMENT ON MASKING IN SCHOOLS

As schools continue to plan for the upcoming school year, with some moving forward with holding in-person classes, Marshfield Clinic Health System feels strongly that masks should be mandated in schools for both teachers and students. Face masking is a proven and simple step to decrease the spread of the COVID-19 virus, and we stand behind school administrators and public health departments to make schools as safe as possible through face masking requirements.

Marshfield Clinic does recognize there are health circumstances where wearing a mask isn't feasible and exemptions can be made, for example, children under the age of two, and individuals who have difficulty breathing, are incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove a mask without assistance. We also understand there is a level of anxiety among parents, teachers and students who are seeking mask exemptions, but it is our position that those individuals discuss their medical condition with their providers and identify ways they can safely wear masks, or refrain from in-person school activities.