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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** District Superintendents  
Charter School Sponsors  
Private School Leaders

**FROM:** Jhone M. Ebert, Superintendent of Public Instruction

**DATE:** May 11, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Face Covering Requirements as of May 3, 2021

On April 19, 2021, Governor Steve Sisolak issued [Emergency Directive 044](#), which amended COVID-19 requirements related to social distancing, sanitation protocols, capacity limits, and other mitigation measures effective May 1, 2021. On May 3, 2021, Governor Sisolak issued [Emergency Directive 045](#) and accompanying [guidance](#), which amended face covering requirements in alignment with current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance. This purpose of this memo is to provide clarity regarding the expectations regarding the use of face coverings in district, charter, and private school settings.

Previous Directive and Guidance	Updated Directive and Guidance
<p>Section 4 of Emergency Directive 028 required that all kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students and all school staff in county school district and charter school settings to wear face coverings while on school buses, in school buildings, or on school campuses, unless approved by exemption. This requirement superseded the age exemptions of Directive 024.</p> <p><i>This guidance was terminated by Section 5 of Directive 045 effective May 3, 2021.</i></p>	<p>Directive 045 requires children older than nine years of age and all adults who are not exempt by Directive 024, 28, or guidance from Nevada Health Response to cover their nose and mouth with a face covering in a manner consistent with current guidance issued by the CDC.</p> <p><b>The CDC recommends that vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals wear face coverings when gathering indoors, including in school settings, with unvaccinated individuals, including children. Per <a href="#">CDC’s Order related to public transportation</a>, passengers and drivers on school buses must wear a mask, including those buses operated by public and private school systems.</b></p>

<p>Emergency Directive 024 required children older than nine years of age and all adults, with limited exceptions, to wear face coverings in public spaces.</p> <p><i>This guidance was terminated by Section 5 of Directive 045 effective May 3, 2021, but the obligation to wear masks in public is maintained in Section 4 of Directive 45.</i></p>	<p>Directive 045 requires children older than nine years of age and all adults, with limited exceptions, to cover their nose and mouth with a face covering in a manner consistent with current guidance issued by the CDC.</p> <p><b>The CDC recommends that vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals wear face coverings when visiting indoor public spaces where the vaccination status of other individuals is unknown.</b></p>
<p>Section 5 of Emergency Directive 038 clarified that students in school settings may remove their face covering when playing an instrument that requires use of their mouth. When students are not playing an instrument that requires the use of their mouth, they must wear a face covering, unless playing outdoors and social distancing of not less than 6 feet can be maintained between students and adults. When singing, students must wear a face covering.</p>	<p>Remains in effect.</p>
<p>Section 6 of Emergency Directive 038 required the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association to promulgate guidance regarding the use of face coverings by student athletes while actively and not actively participating in a sporting activity.</p>	<p>Terminates effective 11:59 PM on May 31, 2021.</p>

As has been the case with all Statewide mitigation requirements in response to COVID-19, local public health authorities, local governments, county school districts, charter school sponsors, charter schools, and private schools may establish mitigation requirements that are more restrictive than Statewide standards, but not less so.