

FACE COVERING POLICY

Face Coverings

On June 19, 2020, the City of Chandler issued a proclamation regarding use of masks/face coverings in Chandler businesses and public spaces. The city will revisit this decision every two weeks or until the Governor repeals or revises Executive Order 2020-40. Therefore, Bright Beginnings will require that all staff and students – preschool through 6th grade wear cloth face coverings at all times when six feet of distance between students is not possible. Students will not be required to wear cloth face coverings when six feet of distance can be safely maintained—including lunch, recess, breaks, PE, physical activity and other instances. This way there will be multiple times during the day when students are able to remove their masks if they choose, provided they stay six feet apart. Students with health conditions that may be affected by wearing a mask will need to provide the school with a doctor's note.

BBS will support all students as they acclimate to wearing face coverings on campus. We recognize this requirement will pose special challenges for many of our students, and our expectations for them will take their age and developmental stage into consideration. Please visit the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) website www.aap.org for guidance on helping your child learn to be more comfortable wearing a face covering.

- All KinderBridge through 6th grade students and staff are required to wear a face covering at all times unless a distance of greater than six feet can be maintained.
- If a student forgets his or her face covering, BBS will have a limited supply available to give the student one for the day.
- Students with health conditions that may be affected by wearing a mask will need to provide the school with a doctor's note
- Criteria for discontinuing use of face masks will be based on county and state requirements in conjunction with the school board
- There will be multiple times during the day when students are able to remove their masks if they choose, provided they stay six feet apart
- Students will not be required to wear cloth face coverings at specific times when social distancing can be maintained, including:
 - Eating lunch
 - Recess
 - Breaks

Additional reopening in-person protocols are as follows:

- Students will stay with their class in their homeroom through the day as much as possible. Because of our math differentiation, there are many details to work out with this “cohort” model. We will provide updates.
- Specials classes will continue. Students will travel to each Special's classroom on designated day with extra time in between class periods to allow for thorough sanitizing.
- Readiness for possible interruptions in the school year. If required by state mandate to close, we will transition to distance learning. We will provide professional training for teachers to prepare for this scenario.
- Planning to prioritize the social-emotional and mental wellness of our students upon their return. Staff will receive professional development training to support student needs.

Thank you for your patience and continued support as we face these unprecedented challenges.

Sincerely,

BBS Task Force