Cape Henlopen School District will be requiring face coverings for students, teachers, and school staff in our school buildings, at bus stops, on busses, on all school property, and at all school functions.

- Students in grades Kindergarten and up will be required to wear face coverings while in school buildings, at bus stops, on busses, on all school property, and at all school functions. (Face covering breaks will be allowed when social distancing of 6 ft. or more can be accomplished. This will be different for each classroom based on space allotments).

- Students age birth-2 would not be asked to wear face coverings. Students in Pre-K should wear face coverings.

- Face coverings should be 2 ply and cover the nose and mouth of the individual student. **Neck gators will not be acceptable.** (Please note that many coverings are too thin and may not meet this requirement. Therefore, please look for face coverings for your child that meet these requirements.)

- Masks/face coverings will be considered student attire and must adhere to the Cape Henlopen School District’s student dress code.

### Proper Ways to Wear a Face Covering

Cloth-based coverings with 2 layers of cloth/back-to-back should be worn. They may be disposable or washable, homemade or store-bought. The top and the bottom of the mask should be secured around the ears or head, with no open flap at the bottom - the mask should be secured around the chin.

ALL children are going to need to learn to wear their face coverings properly. Please start now with practicing to wear the masks and teach your children the importance of wearing masks.

Click here for a downloadable resource from the Philadelphia Children’s Hospital about wearing a face mask, that could be beneficial to help children learn to wear their face coverings correctly. This is also a great resource for the special needs population.

The **CDC recommendations for How to Wear a Face Covering:**

**Wear a Mask to Protect Others**

- Wear a face covering that covers your nose and mouth to help protect others in case you’re infected with COVID-19 but don’t have symptoms

- Wear a face covering in public settings when around people who don’t live in your household, especially when it may be difficult for you to stay six feet apart

- Wear a face covering correctly for maximum protection

- Don’t put the face covering around your neck or up on your forehead

- Don’t touch the face covering, and, if you do, wash your hands or use hand sanitizer to disinfect

Great information is available from the Center for Disease Control regarding how to make your own face covering, how to wash your face covering and how to wear your face covering properly. **Click here to visit their website for more information.**