






Should a child be required to wear a mask during school?*

The child has asthma.		YES	The American Academy of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology recommends that individuals with asthma wear a mask in public.
The child has a condition such as autism spectrum disorder, intellectual disability, or a mental disorder.		YES	These conditions do not necessarily justify a mask exemption unless the child is unable to wear a mask without excessive trauma or frequent manipulation.
The child cannot communicate clearly while wearing a mask.		YES	Explore instructional adaptations or use a face mask with a clear plastic insert as appropriate.
The child cannot remove the mask on their own.		NO	Encourage the family to consider virtual learning opportunities.
The child cannot remove the mask on their own.		NO	The child is asleep or unconscious.

*There may be children that have experienced trauma and find masks hard to wear due to their past experiences.

Sources: Department of Health and Human Services, Center for Disease Control, and the American Academy of Pediatrics