



OASD Facemask Policy Recommended for Approval at the May 4, 2021 School Board Meeting

The Oconomowoc Area School District will continue to require indoor facemask use for all students, staff, and visitors for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year. Facemask use will be optional outdoors during recess, physical education, and other outdoor activities for the remainder of the school year.

Beginning with the end of the 2020-21 school year, and for the 2021 summer school session, facemask use will be optional indoors and outdoors. Multiple mitigation strategies will remain in place at all levels, as outlined in the *COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies for Summer & 2021-22 School Year* document. During the summer, OASD administration is authorized to require indoor facemask use on a temporary basis as an additional mitigation strategy in the event that changing internal and local health conditions require it, and shall designate a date when doing so for that requirement to end or be extended.

The District's facemask optional policy shall continue into the 2021-22 school year pending administration's evaluation of the Summer School experience. The administration will continue to be authorized to require indoor facemask use on a temporary basis as an additional mitigation measure at the lowest level possible (e.g. classroom, grade level, school) as a result of changing internal and local health conditions, and shall designate a date when doing so for that requirement to end or be extended.

In the event that the summer school evaluation and/or internal and local health conditions point to the need for universal masking to start the 2021-22 school year, the administration will make that decision and communicate the requirement prior to the start of the school year. The School Board will be updated at its monthly meetings regarding the impact of its facemask policy until such time as it is no longer necessary.