



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
DEPENDENTS SCHOOLS
NETZABERG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
UNIT 28130
APO AE 09114-0005



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Dear Parents,

DoDEA will require all personnel on a DoDEA school campus to wear a cloth face covering when social distancing cannot be achieved, including when on DoDEA buses and at school bus stops.

Wearing cloth face coverings should be prioritized when it is difficult to maintain social distancing, and schools should seek opportunities for students to remove face coverings while maintaining social distancing guidelines.

Under HPCON Bravo, the DoD requires social distancing between personnel and requires face coverings when social distancing cannot be achieved: "To the extent practical, all individuals on DoD property, installations, and facilities are required to wear cloth face coverings when they cannot maintain six feet of social distance in public areas or work centers.

Face Shields. Cloth face coverings are not face shields. CDC does not recommend use of face shields for normal everyday activities or as a substitute for cloth face coverings because of a lack of evidence of their effectiveness for source control. Some people may choose to use a face shield in addition to their cloth face covering when sustained close contact with other people is expected. Disposable face shields should only be worn for a single use. Reusable face shields should be cleaned and disinfected after each use.

Masks with Exhalation Valves or Vents. Masks with one-way valves or vents allow air to be exhaled through a hole in the material, which can result in expelled respiratory droplets that can reach others. This type of mask does not prevent the person wearing the mask from transmitting COVID-19 to others. Therefore, masks with an exhalation valve or vent for source control do not fulfill DoDEA's requirement for face coverings in alignment with CDC guidance.

The school has purchased two new masks for each student. These masks are different than the masks purchased at the beginning of the school year. The new masks are being issued to teachers now and one will be issued to each student; the second mask will be maintained by the teacher in case a student loses his/her mask during the school day. We ask that you please clean your child's mask regularly.

Every effort will be made to social distance students while in school. In cases where social distancing is not achieved, students will wear masks and teachers will build regular mask breaks throughout the day.

Attached you will also find guidance on the requirement for you to prescreen your child every day before sending him/her to school. Please take time to familiarize yourself with the protocol requirements.

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Principal