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## **Wearing Face Covering**

- Greene Central School District will provide and require students and staff to wear a face covering during the school day, when social distancing is not possible.
- Face covering is the most recommended and universal COVID-19 infection control prevention (CDC).
- Acceptable face coverings must cover both the mouth and nose.
- Face coverings will be provided on a daily basis to all students/staff
- Signage reminds all of wearing face protection.
- Many people carry COVID-19 virus but do not show symptoms. Face covering protects you and others.
- Enforcing the use of face coverings may be impractical for young children and students/staff with medical conditions or disabilities.
- Hand-made face coverings that meet standards are allowed at school.
- Keep your face covering clean and sanitized.
- Safeguard your health – wear face covering each day.
- Face covering is a critical step to staying healthy.
- GCSD supports and endorses CDC guidance that face coverings are an important infection control step in slowing the spread of COVID-19.
- GCSD requires that face coverings must be worn at all times indoors and anytime outdoors that individuals cannot maintain 6 ft. social distancing.
- Face coverings will be made available to all students/staff on a daily basis at GCSD. Face coverings may be brought from home.
- GCSD classrooms, and cafeterias will have seating arrangements that keep students distanced at 6 ft. intervals.
- GCSD faculty/staff will allow students to remove face coverings during meals, during class instruction, and for short breaks so long as they maintain strict 6 ft. social distancing.
- Students will be required to wear face coverings while on the bus
- Face coverings may be challenging (especially for younger students) to wear all day in school, so scheduling face covering breaks is important. (note: no face covering for children under 2 years old)
- Face coverings may be a personal challenge, distraction/obstruction for some students and staff. Wearing face covering may be waived for individuals who claim physical or mental impairment.
- Face coverings are waived for any person who has trouble breathing.
- GCSD Nursing Staff will instruct individuals in the proper wearing of face coverings.
- Students and staff should wash hands whenever touching/taking off face coverings. Proper disposal and reuse-sanitizing of face coverings should be practiced.

**Do Your Part.....Cover Your Face**