

Effective at 5:00 p.m. on 4/30/21, cloth face coverings will be encouraged, but not required, when people are outdoors on school campuses. However, social distancing while outdoors on school campuses should continue to be maintained to the greatest extent possible. Furthermore, all other COVID-19 health and safety measures should continue to be followed on school campuses.

Special note for athletics: Student athletes will not be required to wear cloth face coverings during practices or games held outdoors. However, student athletes will still be required to follow all other COVID-19 health and safety protocols of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association. All athletes, coaches, students, and officials not actively participating in the activity, who cannot social distance, are encouraged to wear face coverings while outdoors.