

All Schools FYI: COVID-19 Social Distancing Update and Early Childhood Mask Reminder

FYI: Review the following clarifying guidance on social distancing in the cafeteria during the school day, as well as additional information on early childhood use of masks in schools:

Cafeterias: Schools should continue to maintain at least 3-feet of social distancing at all times in cafeterias, until further notice, and as the DOE phases in further changes. In order to limit potential exposure schools may continue with strategies already in place, including staggered lunch service and delivery to classrooms.

Early Childhood: The indoor mask mandate is still active for LYFE, EarlyLearn (infants and toddlers), 3-K, pre-K, and 4410 classrooms, including those in Family Child Care programs. Children two years old and older, and all staff and visitors in these classrooms, must continue to wear a face covering indoors. Please remember that special circumstances for children with documented medical, social emotional, or developmental impairments should be considered. These children should not be excluded because of a minimal ability to tolerate masks, but other efforts to maintain safe practices, such as distancing, should still be pursued.

For more information, view the [Positive Behavior Planning for Young Children Wearing Masks document](#). You can also view pages 16-20 in this version of the [Health and Safety guidance](#) from January 2022.

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