



COVID-19 MASK EXEMPTION FORM – Updated

The Public Health Agency of Canada has stated that non-medical masks play a role in stopping the spread of COVID-19. They act as a barrier and reduce the chance of spreading infectious respiratory droplets to others and prevent infectious droplets from landing on surfaces from coughs or sneezes.

As one of the measures to be taken to protect the health and safety of students and staff, the Ontario Government has announced in its Guide to Reopening Ontario’s Schools(Updated) that **non-medical or cloth masks will be mandatory for students in Grades 1-12 in schools, including in hallways and during classes, on school transportation and outdoors during recess where distance cannot be maintained.** The health and safety measures that staff and students take while attending school will assist the DSB to keep its schools open. Where a family is not able to provide a non-medical mask or cloth mask for their child(ren), the UCDSB will provide one for them.

The UCDSB does recognize however that, for medical or other reasons, it may not be possible for some students to wear a non-medical mask at school. If you wish to request an exemption for your child from the requirement to wear a mask, please complete and submit this form to your school principal. Please be advised that, in some cases where students are not able to wear a non-medical mask, it may be necessary for the school to implement alternative measures to protect the health and safety of students and staff. Your school principal will contact you to discuss alternative measures in the event that they are necessary.

Student Name: _____

Home Address _____

School: _____ **Grade:** _____

Reason for Mask Exemption (check all that apply):

Disability:

- Asthma (Plan of Care necessary. Please speak to your principal)
 - Breathing difficulties caused by underlying health condition (e.g. severe allergies, heart or lung disease)
 - Intellectual/developmental
 - Sensory processing
 - Hearing/communication
 - Physical/Other cannot wear or remove mask without assistance
- Religion/Creed _____

(The Human Rights Commission has indicated that “*Creed is interpreted to mean “religious creed” or “religion”. It is defined as a professed system and confession of faith, including both beliefs and observances or worship.*”)

Parent/Guardian Contact Information:

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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