

Region 7 COVID-19 Face Mask/Cloth Face Covering Waiver Request Form

Instructions for Form Completion

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, a face mask or cloth face covering must be worn at all Region 7 school districts (Chelan, Douglas, Grant, Okanogan and Kittitas Counties).

School district employees and/or students with a health condition that might prohibit use of a face mask or cloth face covering may request a waiver from their licensed health care practitioner and their county Health Officer.

All waiver requests require requestor information and a health care practitioner declaration with the following information:

- 1) The requestor's medical diagnosis.
- 2) Additional details that impact the requestor's ability to wear a mask or cloth face covering.
- 3) An alternative droplet retention method (such as a face shield that provides appropriate coverage with an attached cloth drape and/or other considerations) OR the practitioner may indicate that no alternative retention method can be identified and can recommend the student be excluded from onsite school attendance.
- 4) Health care practitioner cell phone number for Health Officer consultation.
- 5) Health care practitioner signature and license verification.

Health Care Practitioners should be aware that masks and cloth face coverings have proven to be the most effective mitigation strategy against COVID19. There is no evidence that face shields retain small and medium sized droplets or mitigate transmission of COVID19.

The Health Care Practitioner will, on form completion, forward the document to the Health Officer at the appropriate Health District via secure email or fax.

The Health Officer will review the waiver, consult with the Health Care Practitioner if necessary, approve or deny the request, and return the waiver request to the requestor or parent/guardian. The school district administrator or designee will be notified of waiver approval/denial status.

If the waiver is denied by the Health Officer, the employee or student may be excluded from onsite school attendance.