

Health Updates

Starting Monday, August 23, 2021, Governor Inslee announced that Washington state is returning to a statewide mask mandate for indoor public settings, public or private schools, as well as higher education institutions for whether vaccinated or not. However, the following exceptions are allowed:

Masks are not required for those younger than five, or for people with a medical condition that prevents mask-wearing.

Like the vaccination mandate for other state workers and health care personnel, **exemptions for genuine medical and religious reasons are allowed.**

From Washington Federation of Independent Schools (WFIS):

There is much discussion between schools, parents, and the government about the Governor's proclamation. WFIS held a meeting to share perspectives, questions, and concerns directly following the Governor's press conference. WFIS affirmed that:

A religious exemption may be at the discretion of the school leader or the religious leaders from the affiliate organization.

Enlightium Academy Enrichment Program:

Out of respect for the individual consciences of Enlightium employees and parents of students we serve, **the following in-person learning updates will be made:**

1. Ventilation, air quality, hand hygiene, and daily sanitation in all classrooms.
2. Sufficient distancing in common areas.
3. Sufficient distancing in classrooms.
4. Enlightium faculty and staff will wear clear face coverings or masks per their individual health. *To respect the medical privacy of employees we will not require proof of vaccination or exemption from vaccination for Enlightium's employees.*
5. Since parents are in charge of their child's health, their student may wear a mask, clear face shield, or no mask, depending on their individual health.
6. Parents are also in charge of their child's immunization or medical/religious exemption. If you are a new family, or your student is entering K, 1, or 6 grade, please reach out to the Enrichment Coordinator for forms.
7. In case of illness with flu-like symptoms, a student will need to stay home for at least two days, if additional symptoms arise, more time might be needed for a student to recover. Parents need to keep their teacher informed for a student to do work from home while recovering from the illness.

Enlightium's administration will update with any applicable changes as needed.