## **PSCS Policy on Personal Protective Gear**

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Per NC SB 654, the Pioneer Springs Board of Trustees will vote on this policy at their monthly meetings. This policy will expire on June 30, 2022.

All students and staff are required to wear personal protective gear, including but not limited to face coverings consistent with CDC recommendations for infectious airborne disease, as a mitigation against the spread of disease on campus when it would otherwise interrupt or shut down school operations. Appropriate coverings will fit snugly to the face and cover the mouth and nose, be made of breathable fabric such as cotton, and may be layered or have an interior filter per <u>CDC recommendations</u>. Face shields and masks with vents or perforations are not acceptable for this purpose as stand-alone masks; they can be used in conjunction with CDC recommended masks as added mitigation. Mask exemptions at the recommendation of a medical doctor will be considered by administration.