

Dear

The recent Salt Lake County Health Order, 2022-1 (effective January 8, 2022) states that "all individuals over the age of two years who can medically tolerate wearing a respirator (or until you are able to obtain a respirator, any well-fitting mask or face covering), regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status or past COVID-19 infection, must always wear a respirator, mask, or face covering."

The health order lays out who is eligible for mask exemptions: "an individual with a medical condition, mental health condition, or intellectual or developmental disability that prevents the individual from wearing a respirator, mask, or face covering." The health order also states that "an individual required to wear a respirator, mask, or face covering, may remove it...while giving an educational presentation." (Section 4.2.8.)

Unlike in the previous State Public Health Order 2020-28, Section 4 (and subsequent health orders), which stated that "a school may require an individual to provide a medical directive...documenting the need for an exemption", this recent health order has removed that requirement.

As such, the current health order does not give schools the ability to require the signature of a physician for a mask exemption. HB1007 declares that only a state or local health department can act under applicable law to contain the spread of an infectious disease and "an LEA, an LEA governing board, the state superintendent or a school may not require an individual to wear a face covering to attend or participate in in-person instruction, LEA-sponsored athletics, or another LEA-sponsored extracurricular activity or in any other place on the campus of a school or school facility after the end of the 2020-2021 school year."

Due to the medical condition, mental health condition or intellectual or developmental disability that my child _____ (name) has, they will not be wearing a mask to school.

Sincerely,

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