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It is important for children to be able to see the full face of the educators with whom they are working to promote effective verbal and nonverbal communication, social and emotional skill development, and phonemic awareness.

Teachers and paraprofessionals working with students should refrain from wearing in the classroom or other instructional spaces face coverings that obstruct the view of their mouth by students.

Face masks or face shields routinely worn by educators to prevent the spread of infectious disease must have a clear panel. Masks compliant with this regulation will be provided upon request to the site administrator.

*(cf. 4119.43/4219.43/4319 Universal Precautions)*

*(cf. 6114.4 – Pandemic/Epidemic Emergencies)*

Educators requesting relaxation of this policy, such as reasonable accommodation due to disability or a religious accommodation, should contact Human Resources.

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