

| | MS | Learners wearing masks? | Teachers wearing masks? |
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| 1 | AT | <p><u>Nov 11</u></p> <p>Currently pupils are not obliged to wear masks in class, however obligatory protection applies to communal spaces at school. In addition, upper secondary schools and higher education institutions have shifted back to distance learning.</p> | For schools that remain open, teachers are provided with FP2 masks. However, no obligation to wear one, unless "yellow situation". |
| 2 | BG | Yes, in the entire building but not outside. Yes, but only if they are not on their seats. In common parts of the school building is mandatory for all to wear a mask. Wearing a mask or helmet in the classroom by students is optional. | Wearing a mask or helmet in the classroom by teachers -mandatory. |
| 3 | HR | Yes, but only from <u>the age of 11</u> . Students in lower secondary education (grades 5-8), if it is not possible to insure the minimum distance of 1.5 m in the classroom, either wear protective masks or the class is divided into groups of students rotating teaching). In upper secondary education, if it's not possible to insure the minimum distance of approx. 2m in the classroom, students and teachers wear protective masks or class is divided into groups of students. In case of favorable epidemiological situation, competent authorities may decide that students do not wear protective masks nor are classes divided into groups of students. | |
| 4 | CY | Yes, but only from <u>the age of 12</u> . The use of a mask by all primary school pupils is not mandatory up to the age of 12 (included). Yes, in the entire building but not outside. Transparent masks for special education needs pupils and 1 st grade of primary schools where pupils need to "read" teachers lips. | Mandatory for all teachers. |
| 5 | CZ | <p>Yes, in the entire building but not outside.</p> <p>Wearing of face masks is mandatory as of 18 September in schools and educational facilities, including secondary schools and universities with the exception of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • children under two years of age, • children and teaching staff at nursery schools and children and parents caring for them in children's groups, • pupils and teaching staff in stage 1 of primary schools in the buildings of schools and educational facilities pursuant to Act No. 561/2004 Coll., on Pre-school, Primary, Secondary, Further Vocational and other Education (the Education Act), as amended, outside of their common areas, • pupils, students and teaching staff in accordance with the Education Act and students and academic staff in accordance with Act No. 111/1998 Coll., on Higher Education Institutions and on Amendment and Supplementation of Certain other Acts (the Higher Education Act), as amended, within the framework of educational activities, the nature of which makes wearing of | |

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| | | <p>protective equipment impossible (in particular physical education, singing and playing wind instruments),</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • boarding school houses and children’s homes, as far as concerns employees or accommodated children, pupils or students, • educational facilities for the performance of institutional education or protective education and schools established as a part of them and centres of educational care when providing services as boarding schools, • schools established by the Ministry of Justice, • pupils, students and teaching staff at schools established under Section 16(9) of the Education Act, • those ones with intellectual and mental disorders such as autistic children. | |
| 6 | DK | <p>No. In basic and secondary schools, minimising close contacts is crucial. Therefore, the Ministry advises to use “homebases” instead of subject classrooms, consider more extensive outdoor classes. Also, it is advised to arrange lunch breaks and physical education classes in a way that enables minimal contacts. Rooms shall be aired and ventilated regularly. Face masks are not mandatory. In upper secondary education (general and vocational) and adult education students are obliged to wear masks when the move around but not in class.</p> | <p>Concerning primary and lower secondary schools: teachers are allowed to wear a visor but not masks. In upper secondary education (general and vocational) and adult education teachers are obliged to wear masks when the move around but not in class.</p> |
| 7 | FR | <p>Yes, from <u>the age of 6</u>.</p> <p><u>Nov 12</u> Masks are compulsory both inside and outside.</p> | <p>Moreover, wearing a mask is mandatory for teachers staff in the presence of students as well as in the presence of other adults in both indoor and outdoor spaces.</p> |
| 8 | DE | <p>Differs by region/local community. No overall rule at federal level regarding wearing masks. The rules may differ in different regions. <u>Nov 12</u> The situation in Germany is regulated in every Land and has therefore some variations, see the following examples from current regulations:</p> <p><u>Bavaria:</u> All students above the age of 6 and all staff are obliged to wear masks constantly when entering the school premises, inside and outside. Exceptions for medical reasons.</p> <p><u>Berlin:</u> Every school applies a traffic light approach (green, yellow, orange, red) reflecting the infection situation at school. In general masks are compulsory outside of classrooms, when the infection rate goes to orange or red, masks become compulsory also in classrooms.</p> <p><u>Rhineland palatinate:</u> Masks are compulsory. Exceptions: - primary schools and schools for special needs: no masks in classroom. – during written exams: no masks, if distance of 1,5m is guaranteed and ventilation in place. – no masks for staff with individual offices (e. g. headteachers). – during meals: distance 1,5m. – breaks outside: distance 1,5m. Exceptions for medical reasons upon presentation of medical certificate.</p> <p>The general approach in the German Länder is to make masks compulsory rather than to be forced to close schools.</p> | |

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| 9 | EL | Yes, but only from <u>the age of 4</u> . The mandatory use of the mask in closed common areas along with the hand hygiene and regular ventilation of school-class rooms (free distribution of masks). | Yes (obligatory for teachers). |
| 10 | HU | <p>Yes in HE. No VET&PE: In Public Education, it is suggested to wear mask if special circumstances occur. School could decide on special rules.</p> <p>Not compulsory for teachers, but schools had to prepare their own protocol and they can apply that (some already do). In VET institutions recommended but nit compulsory either that teachers and trainers wear mask.</p> <p><u>Nov 12 Schools</u> Before the beginning of the school year 2020/2021 schools had to prepare an action plan for the pandemic situation. Masks were not obligatory, however schools could decide on special rules. The action plans provides scenarios for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - using masks - isolating children with symptoms - keeping physical distance - ventilation - disinfection procedures <p>As for public education from 1 October learners' (and teachers') body temperature are measured when entering school buildings.</p> <p>Schools can decide on mask protocol. Most of the institutions made it mandatory so teachers and learners have to wear masks during classes and breaks. Schools must strive for physical distance among classes. They should organize the schedule of lessons in a way which helps pupils to keep 1.5 meter distance from pupils who belong to other classes. If a classroom is used by more than one class, it must be disinfected during class-changes. Learners have to keep physical distance when they meet learners from different classes or groups for example during breaks.</p> <p><u>VET</u> Wearing of masks is obligatory as of November 11th 2020 in VET schools during vocational practical training. Theoretical education and education of non vocational subjects must be organized on-line.</p> <p><u>Higher Education</u> The sectoral recommendations for higher education are planned to be updated by the ministry soon in line with the new general rules introduced as from the 11th of November. The plan is that according to the new recommendations wearing masks will be mandatory in higher education.</p> | |
| 11 | IE | Yes, but only from <u>the age of 13</u> . Yes, in the entire building but not outside. Primary pupils are not required to wear masks. They are not prevented from doing so. In general, Post-primary students wear masks except for students with Special Education Needs. Post-Primary students entering first year (but also under 13) are also required to wear masks. In Post-Primary where students are seated 1m apart they must wear masks. If seated 2m apart, no masks are required. | All teachers must wear a mask. |
| 12 | LV | As of 3 Nov stricter rules apply: children as <u>of age 13</u> and teachers are required to wear masks while inside the common areas or places where teachers or children are in contact with several groups. Masks are not used in the classroom where the same group of children are together. | |
| 13 | LU | Yes, but only from <u>the age of 6</u> . Masks have to be worn in school buses and in public transport and in all shared spaces of the school building. In | Adults have to wear masks in school in all situations where distancing is not possible. Teachers also wear masks while teaching behind plexiglas. |

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| | | <p>secondary education students have to wear masks during breaks and in all areas of the building. The secondary schools can decide whether wearing masks in the classroom is mandatory or not. HE: a distance of two meters has to be kept inside buildings and on campus. Wearing of a mask, scarf or bandana is mandatory whenever a distance of 2m cannot be kept. In VET respect of social distancing and wearing of masks, no restrictions to attendance to practical parts of training. HE: maximum capacities at the premises, respect of social distancing and wearing of masks, more flexible working times in laboratories</p> | |
| 14 | NL | <p>No. In Lower and Upper secondary education (in NL 12-16/17/18 years old) everyone is strongly advised to wear masks during breaks, changing of classrooms and in de general area. They do not have to wear masks whilst in the classroom.</p> <p>Nov 11 No changes</p> | <p>As of yet, it is not mandatory, but highly recommended in some situations. The government is looking into making this mandatory, but this still requires some time.</p> <p>To be more precise, the situation is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Primary (including special) education: masks not deemed necessary. 1,5m distance between adults. -Secondary (including special) education: highly recommended for both pupils and teachers to wear masks outside of the lessons (e.g. in corridors etc. where social distancing cannot be guaranteed), as well as in practical lessons where social distancing cannot be guaranteed. <p>A school itself can decide to make the wearing of masks mandatory, in consultation with the direct school community like parents and teachers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -VET and HE: highly recommended for everyone to wear masks outside the lessons, and where necessary in some other situations like practical lessons as well. <p>Institutions can decide themselves to make this mandatory, also in consultation with stakeholders concerned.</p> |
| 15 | PL | <p>In PL almost every type and level of education is conducted through distance learning right now. Current restrictions oblige every person to wear a mask in public areas, streets, public transport, shops and in common areas in every institution, including schools. So in schools in commons areas pupils and teachers have to wear masks. During face-to-face classes there is no such obligation, however a school headmaster can introduce specific requirements in this regard depending on the local context. In practice teachers wear masks to protect themselves.</p> | |
| 16 | PT | <p>Yes, apart from some exceptions (breaks, etc.)</p> | <p>Teachers and school staff must use masks.</p> |
| 17 | RO | <p>Yes, but only from <u>the age of 6</u></p> | <p>Yes.</p> |
| 18 | SK | <p>Yes, always. Primary level pupils don't have to wear masks when seated in the classroom, but moving outside classroom the mask is mandatory.</p> | <p>Yes (teacher and other pedagogical and non-pedagogical staff) at all times.</p> |
| 19 | SI | <p>Yes, but only if they are not on their seats. However, the use of protective masks or other forms of protection of the oral and nasal areas of the face is not required for children in kindergartens and pupils in primary school when they are in their classroom.</p> | <p>The mask is not obligatory for preschool teachers and preschool assistants in performing direct work with children and teachers up to and including the 3rd grade of primary school, in performing direct work with pupils, and persons performing organized sports practice. Teachers from the 4th grade of primary school use the mask in cases when it is not possible</p> |

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| | | <p><u>Nov 12</u> All schools in Slovenia are closed for the moment, but before the closure the masks regime was as described.</p> | to provide at least two meters of interpersonal distance in educational activities. |
| 20 | ES | Yes, but only from <u>the age of 6</u> | Both Ministries of Education and Health adopted recommendations for schools last June making the use of masks voluntary for teachers in early childhood education and primary cycle as long as within groups of stable coexistence (bubbles), and mandatory outside the group when 1,5 m. distance could not be maintained. From Secondary on, the compulsory use of mask was recommended for teachers if 1,5 m distance could not be kept. At the end, the 17 regional governments are the ones establishing their own rules according to the sanitary conditions in each Region and all of them have provided for the mandatory use of masks for all teachers. |
| 21 | SE | Voluntary for both. | |
| 22 | BE | All adults and every pupil from first grade of secondary education and up have to wear a mask. Some exceptions are made for special needs education regarding health issues of the pupils. That is for general rules. | |
| 23 | MT | At Post-Secondary schools/institutions it is recommended that students wear masks and/or visors at all times, including in their class, besides in common areas and whilst on Campus. Exceptions would be made to the wearing of mask or visors is when students are exercising and for specific medical conditions. Refer to Public Health guidance on the use of masks and visors. Staff members are required to wear a face mask and/or visor at all times when in the presence of others (both other staff/ students) and both indoors and outdoors while on Campus especially during social interaction. Considerations must be made for all staff members in staff rooms to keep an adequate physical distance of two metres from other staff members. It must be ensured that in staff rooms, adequate care is taken to avoid mixing of staff members and where desks are used for corrections, persons always maintain the requisite social distance. If a system of 'hot desking' is in operation, each person should be responsible to clean the surfaces and shared electronics with suitable agents before and after use. Meetings should be held virtually wherever possible. The number of teachers in staff rooms and the time spent in the staff room should be reduced to the minimum. | |
| 24 | FI | Only recommendation to wear a mask. For pupils only <u>15 years upward</u> . | |
| 25 | EE | <p>No. <u>Nov 12</u> In Estonia, schools are still open and masks are not obligatory. The only exception is a border city Narva. On the recommendation of the Health Board, the Narva city government has put all general education schools and hobby schools in the northeastern border city to distance learning starting from today 12 November.</p> <p>At today's cabinet meeting, the government approved measures to be taken at work (remote work recommended, at home, on public transport, and in other public places to curb the spread of the coronavirus. On public transport, in the service halls and public areas of commercial enterprises, and at conferences, concerts, theatres, and cinemas, <u>a mask must be worn or the nose and mouth must otherwise be covered</u>. Children <u>under the age of 12</u> do not have to wear a mask. The government establishes by its order a 2 + 2 rule in service halls and public areas of</p> | So far masks are not obligatory, but teachers can decide themselves if they consider it necessary. |

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| | | commercial enterprises, in accordance with which no more than two people may move together and a distance of at least two metres must be kept with others, except for families and if this cannot be reasonably guaranteed. The rule will take effect on 16 November. | |
| 26 | LT | <p><u>Nov 7</u></p> <p>In Lithuania a 3-week nationwide lockdown during the period of 7-29 November was introduced. ECEC, pre-primary and primary education continues in physical mode. Masks are obligatory from the age of 6 in primary schools, but no masks in ECEC and pre-primary schools. Lower-secondary and upper-secondary schools have switched to distance learning or blended/hybrid mode (based on the decision of the school/municipality and on epidemiological situation).</p> | |